

# I AM NOT A CAT

(So don't cat call me)

Most people who know me can probably tell you that I hate being whistled at, it doesn't matter who does it or under what circumstances, I can't stand it. Run up to me (preferred option), shout at the top of your lungs, whatever; just don't whistle. And that's for people who know me, but they are not my concern as I write this article.

I think many girls and women can attest to how hard it is to want to have a peaceful walk without some man (often a group of men) whistling or making obscene remarks, remarks that, should you ignore or object to, you are called all sorts of names for or seem to be interpreted as either encouraging this behaviour or inviting more aggravated attention towards you. The web ([www.urbandictionary.com](http://www.urbandictionary.com)) defines the cat call as "a whistle which a man uses to convey the pleasure he has undergone simply from glimpsing an attractive woman.

This definition implies that cat calls are a compliment and as such, women should not be offended by them, an opinion that is quite sadly, shared by the bulk of society.

And it's not just the whistling, it's all the "pet names" that total strangers think they can call women just because they find us attractive, these pet names that turn into "bitch" and "you think you're all that" when you react in a manner they find unfavorable or don't react at all.

It's no compliment, it's one of the worst forms of harassment and shouldn't be passed off as anything less! Women continue to be put in these situations where there simply aren't any safe spaces and there really isn't much defense against this type of harassment because for starters, it is not considered an offence serious enough to report, and then there's the fact that the harasser is somewhat protected by the fact that he may be in a group or that he does it in such a public setting as a passerby, or to a passerby means he somewhat has the protection of anonymity.

What really gets to me is that society justifies this behaviour in the ideology that "a man is just a man" but a woman's value or worth is somehow directly linked to her body and/or face. I shudder to think what nasty names I would be called where I to go around whistling and saying "hey sexy" to every man I found attractive.

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Hey! I just want to talk to you. Where you going? Why don't you come over here baby and show me them titties in that bra. The cat ass look good. I like your hair. I like that body. Your shape is TIGHT. You got them stiletto legs. Can I get your number? You got a boyfriend? Hey Sweetie. Hey Baby. Hey Sexy. Come over here and talk to me. Girl you fine. Get back here bitch. Nice titties. You got a nice ass. Mmm... delicious. You looking good enough to eat. I would fuck the shit out of you. Why don't you come here and sit on my dick, princess? Hey white girl. Hey cutie. Come here show me you want some of this? Come here slut. Who's your little bitch. Can I get a piece of that? What I can't even get a hello? Don't I even get a thank you? I just want to get my dick wet. I just want some pussy. Can I stick my face in that pussy and get fucked? Damn girl, look at that ass. Hey black girl. Hey white girl. I don't usually say this to children, but you look HOT. Get it girl. I bet you like to fuck. Look at me bitch! Hey Chinese girl. Hey black girl. Mamasita! You look like you could take it. Nice ass. You got a nice set of titties. Get on my dick. I want to fuck your pussy. Come closer you want to have a good time? Hey where. How much? Prude. Ugly cunt. Squirt squirt. You alone? I just want to talk to you.

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