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DISPATCHES FROM A CAT-INSPIRED NYFW SHOW

In search of an answer to the eternal question: "How have cats influenced your personal style?"

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Peyman Umay

Fashion designer

"Cats? *[Laughs]* I don't get inspired by cats. When I design, they're just not *there*. Dogs are there. Does it have to be cats?" *[A nice woman explains why I'm asking him this question.]* "Oh!" *[Immediately, two women — one with silver hair — essentially attack him with a camera and an interview request. They eventually leave.]* "I was raised with dogs. When a dog is that big a part of your life, it's impossible not to feel that connection. And I like very masculine dogs. I like the German shepherds and the ones that protect sheep from wolves. They're very beautiful, and the way they live their life is very inspiring. They protect. They care. They love."

Little did I know that I would leave a cat-inspired fashion show feeling wiser.