Cougar Kitten Cookies

These feisty felines are the cat's meow because you bake them up fast with refrigerated dough.

Makes:
2-dozen cookies

**INGREDIENTS**
1 roll (16.5 oz) refrigerated chocolate chip cookies
2/3 cup pecan halves (48)
1/3 cup candy-coated chocolate pieces (72)
48 thin pretzel sticks (each 2 1/2 inches long), halved

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Place cookie dough in freezer at least 1 hour.

2. Heat oven to 350°F. Cut cookie dough into 24 slices. On ungreased cookie sheets, place slices 3 inches apart. For ears, press 2 pecan halves onto top of each cookie, overlapping edge of cookie. For eyes and nose, press in candy pieces. For whiskers, place 2 pretzel pieces on each side of nose; press in slightly.

3. Bake 11 to 13 minutes* or until golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheets to cooling racks.

*High Altitude (3500-6500 ft): Bake 9 to 11 minutes.