



Cat Adoption 101

TIPS FOR CAT OWNERS

HOME SWEET HOME

Your new roommate will need supplies! Help make a cat paradise for your feline friend.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED



1 to 2 litter boxes, frequently scooped and refreshed



a bowl for food and a bowl for water, refreshed daily



toys to help exercise and stimulate, especially if your cat is young



places to perch or hide, like shelves, cat trees, and boxes



scratching places like a scratching post or board

LUNCH TIME

Make sure your cat is eating. Most cats eat about 1/2 cup of dry food in the AM, 1/2 cup in the PM. A little wet food is great sometimes, but too much can be bad for their teeth. Every cat is different. Consult your vet about your cat's specific nutritional needs.

REMEMBER

Some cats don't like to share. If you have more than one cat, make sure they each have their own bowls and litter boxes.

SLOW AND STEADY

BE PATIENT WITH YOUR CAT

- Allow your cat time to adjust to a new environment. Let them explore the space without picking them up or chasing after them. Let them come to you.
- Place your cat in a smaller room with their things for a few days to a few weeks, depending on temperament. A bathroom or laundry room both work well.
- Keep a box or their carrier nearby in case they want to hide.

MAKING FRIENDS



INTRODUCING YOUR CAT TO OTHER PETS

- Keep animals in separate rooms and let them smell each other through a door before meeting face-to-face.
- Never force cats to interact with other animals. Allow them to approach at their own pace.
- Always supervise animal interactions until they are comfortable together.
- Allow an escape route for the cat, like a high shelf or their carrier.
- Keep dogs on a leash at first.
- Hissing is a normal and common reaction for cats.

YOUR CAT IS A LIVING CREATURE WITH NEEDS LIKE YOU AND ME. BE FLEXIBLE AND PATIENT WHILE YOU BOTH ADJUST TO YOUR NEW LIFE TOGETHER.