



CONGRATULATIONS!



Ten easy steps to ensure your new kitten or shelter cat's transition into your home is a successful one!

1. **GO SLOW!** It will take 7-14 days for your new kitten/cat to relax in his/her new environment. Save meet and greets with neighbors, friends, and relatives until the cat is eating and eliminating regularly.
2. Offer a safe place for your kitten/cat to hide while he/she is getting comfortable.
3. Provide the same diet the kitten/cat was receiving at the shelter for a week or two.
4. Set the litterbox in a quiet, low traffic area. The majority of cats prefer fine-grain clumping litter.
5. Cats must scratch. Provide your kitten/cat with sturdy, rough, and textured scratching post to save on wear and tear of furniture.
6. Clip your cats nails every two weeks to also help reduce damage.
7. Cat-proof your home before giving your feline free-run of the house. Harsh cleaning products, human medication, and house-hold poisons should be stored in a safe place your cat has no access to. Any poisonous plants should be re-homed because cats are known to nibble on grass from time to time.
8. If newcomer is a kitten, store any breakables and make sure the toilet lid is down.
9. Stock up on interactive toys. Remember your new feline is a natural-born hunter. Humans domesticated cats to rid their houses of vermin. Simulate the hunt with your cat by getting fish-pole toys, mouse toys, and toys that mimic the fluttering of birds' wings. This is a positive outlet for your cat's energies that will keep him/her both physically and mentally satisfied.
10. Ready a sunny, comfortable perch –by a window, if possible—to allow your new feline to enjoy observing the birds and squirrels, while also taking a relaxing nap in the sunshine.

Remember to have fun and enjoy your loving new companion!