



# TIPS FOR BRINGING A SHELTER CAT HOME

## AT FIRST, KEEP YOUR CAT SEPARATED

Please keep your new cat separated in their own room for at least 10 - 14 days. A spare bedroom, bathroom, or the laundry room are all great options. Make sure that the cat knows where their food, water, and litterbox are. To make the transition easier, use Feliway to calm your new cat or Cat Attract to attract cats and kittens to use the litter pan.



## INTRODUCTION TO YOUR OTHER PETS

When first introducing your new cat to other animals in the home, baby gates can be a useful tool. This way, they can see but not get to each other to become familiar. Scent swapping is another way to help your animals acclimate to each other. Try exchanging towels, blankets, or beds so they can get used to each other's scent. It is also helpful for cats that are shy or leier of people, to leave something with your scent on it with them such as an article of clothing that has been worn.



## GETTING USED TO YOUR PRESENCE

Let your new cat get used to your presence by coexisting with them. Reading out loud while in the room is a good way to acclimate the cat to you. If they hide, please do not pull them out. Go to them, or let them come to you. Patience is key.



## EXPLORING THE REST OF THE HOUSE

Eventually, your cat will be ready to explore the rest of the house after initially settling in. Some ways to know that your new cat is ready to be introduced to the whole house are if they are greeting you when you enter the room and if they are no longer hiding, seeming comfortable in the new space.



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