

Understanding Your New Cat



Create a Stress-free Transition by Learning to Communicate with Your New Cat or Kitten and the Rest of Your Animal Family

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Introduction

So you've decided to adopt a new cat or kitten. Before you go down to the local shelter or rescue group, make sure you and your family (which could be you and a spouse... you and another cat or two... you, your children and husband... a home with a dog in it)... will be ready to welcome a new family member. Getting your house prepared to welcome the new kitten or cat is just part of the process which also includes introducing them to the rest of the family (husband, children, cats, dogs and/or other animals). By learning how to communicate not only with your new kitten or cat, but also the other animals in the family, you will make the transition easier on everyone.

Bringing Your New Cat Home

When bringing a new cat or kitten into your home, you'll first want to think about your existing family members—both people and animals. If you have children, are they old enough to understand how to handle a cat or kitten? Do you have the time to supervise your children with a new pet? Are you home enough to be good company for a single cat?

If you have other pets, think about their ages and, of course, their temperaments. If you already have a cat, think about adopting a cat whose age and personality compliments theirs. Elderly cats do not appreciate a crazy active kitten. If you have a dog, is the dog trained well enough for you to teach the dog not to chase the cat and behave respectfully? Adding a new member of the family is much more harmonious when we consider who will fit into our lives and compliment our existing family members' personalities before we bring home a new pet.



After you have decided on adopting a new cat or kitten, you'll need to prepare your home to welcome your new family member and make the transition as stress-free and enjoyable as possible for all of the family

Prepare your home for you new cat or kitten. Very young kittens should be kept in a smaller space, so that they can easily find their food, water and litter boxes. As they grow they can have more space. If you have other pets in you home, set up you new cat or kittens in a separate room behind a closed door.

Cats are often fearful when they are in a new place and may hide for a period of time. Give your new cats treats and play with him to help him feel more comfortable in his new home. Allow your new cat to get completely used to his new room before letting him out to explore around the house or meet other pets.

Introducing Your New Cat

When your kitten or cat has gotten used to his introduction room, it is time for him to come out and explore the rest of your home. Lock up other pets and open the door to the new cat's room. Let the cat explore the rest of your home at his own pace.



Your cat will rub his cheeks and use his paws to mark his new territory. After he has explored for a while, put him back in his room and let the other cats out in the main part of the home. Repeat this process of territory sharing until

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he seems completely comfortable with his new territory.

Very young children should always be supervised with cats. Teach children not to pick cats up, and how to gently pet a cat on their head. Dogs should be obedience trained and on a leash when introduced to a cat. Never let a cat be chased by a dog.

When introducing a new cat into your home, take the time to let the new cat get used to the territory before letting them meet. If you have multiple cats, introduce them individually and allow time for the new cat to be alone in the new territory in between visits. Cats take their time getting used to anything new, so take it slow and the transition into your new home will be less stressful for the whole family.

Communicating with Your Cat

Using an animal communicator can deepen the relationship with your new cat. If you listen carefully to what they are telling the communicator you can learn much about how they see their world and why they have joined you on your life path.

Communicating with a new cat can help you understand their unique personality and needs. If a cat needs more time to adjust, you can reassure him that he can take his time exploring around. If you have other animals, it can be helpful to discuss them with the new arrival and the changes in the home with your current pets.

You can gain insight into how to make everyone more comfortable with the introductions. This will help with a smoother adjustment to the new home and also help you get to know the personality of your new kitten or cat.

There is almost no limit to the types of information that you can gain from communicating with your new cat. Finding out the background of a rescued cat you have adopted from a shelter can give you valuable insight into how to help the cat overcome any past negative experiences.

An animal communicator can tell you if your cat has any physical discomfort that may indicate a potential medical problem. You can also avoid behavior problems by finding out about the likes and dislikes of your new cat. What are his favorite toys? What kind of treats does he like?

If your cat has any preferences or needs to be comfortable in your home you can make changes that can help him to feel more comfortable. Communication with a new animal can give you insight into how they view their new home and your communicator can help them to overcome past negative experiences and false beliefs. When you understand your animals physical and emotional needs better you can build an incredibly deep relationship with your new cat.

How To Make Your New Cat Happy

When you find out about any problems or issues that your new cat may have, refer to the experts. If your pet has a medical problem, take him to the veterinarian and establish a relationship and treatment plan right away.



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Your veterinarian can also help with or refer you to someone to help with any behavior problems your pet may exhibit. While helpful information on feline problems may be harder to find, be persistent and remember that cats handle change much more slowly than humans. What seems like forever is normal for a cat.

Using animal communication can help us humans to understand how our cats see their world. Let your new cat develop his new territory and relationships at his own pace. Play with you new cat. Play can help cats feel more confident, develop new territory, lessen fearfulness and have some fun. Prey moves and a toy that you are moving is much more interesting than the mouse toy he must move in order to give chase.

During you life together animal communication cat expand your relationship and understanding of each other. Cats are living feline lives, while we are humans having a human experience on this planet. Developing this interspecies relationship can reveal an exciting and rewarding path for both human and feline.

Which Kitten or Cat Is Right For Me or My Family?

Before adopting a kitten or cat things to consider:

- **Health** -make sure you are aware of any potential health concerns with a cat or kitten, and take them to the vet for a checkup within 7 days of adoption. Keeping your cat indoors, regular checkups and a nutritious diet will be beneficial to the cat or kitten, and you and your family.
- **Special Needs** -consider adopting or fostering a special medical needs feline to join your family. It can be difficult for them to find forever homes, and they could be the perfect fit for you. Ongoing coverage may already be arranged for their extra medical needs... so take the opportunity to ask, and be open to a connection of mutual purrfection.
- **Age: Kitten or Adult** -if adopting a younger cat or kitten, make sure you have time to play with them and give them the attention they need to be a part of your family. Also consider the age of family members as an older cat may not want live in a home with younger children.
- **Single Cat** -if you're adding a cat or kitten to a multi-cat household, make sure the personalities and ages will mix. If you have one or more older cats, they may not want a young kitten pouncing on them.
- **Personality Plus** -a kitten will be more outgoing, while an order cat may want to watch the birds, sleep in the sun and be happy snuggled up in your lap. Depending on your personality, your family members and other cats, you need to pick the cat or kitten that will fit your household.
- **Short vs Long Hair** -shorthaired cats are easy to groom, while longhaired cats may require more frequent brushings and baths due to potential matting.





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