



Adding a cat to your home is an exciting time for you and your household. We have created this basic supply list to help you prepare for your new family member.

Before bringing a cat or kitten home, we recommend setting up your home with the right supplies to help them settle in. You can tailor this list according to your cat's needs – for example, choose appropriate toys and food for their size and health.

Remember that every animal in your home will need their own supplies. So, if you are adding a new pet and have existing pets, you'll need to get a new food bowl and bed for your newest addition.

Basic Supplies

- Food (wet and dry)
- Water bowl
- Quick-release collar with ID tag
- Hard sided cat carrier
- At least 2 litter boxes, litter and litter scooper
- Enzymatic cleaner
- Pet bed
- Cat tree or a bed in resting space that is up high, since cats like to perch and be up high
- Multiple scratching outlets, such as cardboard scratchers and scratch posts

Toys & Training Supplies

- Soft and crunchy treats
- A clicker
- Food dispensing toys and puzzle feeders, such as treat balls
- Catnip
- Toys – Try an assortment of toys such as a flirt pole, wands, balls, feather toys, soft or plush toys, tunnels, crinkle toys and cat tracks

Health & Care Supplies

- Nail clippers
- Brush suitable for their coat
- Cat toothbrush and toothpaste

Identification

Even if your cat will spend most of their time indoors, accidents can happen, and our pets can escape the safety of their homes or yards. To improve the chances your pet will make it back to you if they do



Cat Behaviour Guide Supplies For Adding a Cat to Your Home



become lost, make sure you have their microchip and, if applicable, tattoo number written down. Ensure the information linked to their ID is current and your own.

We advise that all pets have an appropriate collar and ID tag that includes your most recent contact information. Additionally, we recommend taking photos of your pet from multiple points of view. This way, if your pet ever becomes lost, you can share photos online and on posters to help people identify your pet.

Did You Know?

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