

NEW KITTY SHOPPING LIST

Items you need to care for your new feline friend

Travel

Pet Carrier - This will be necessary to safely transport your new kitty to and from places such as the vet. Either a 'hard' carrier or 'soft carrier' will do fine. If you leave the carrier open with soft bedding in it while it's not in use, it will create a positive association, making it easier to put them in the carrier when necessary. Hiding treats, toys, or catnip in the carrier helps as well! Here are a few examples:



Elimination

Litter Box- It is important to scoop the litter box thoroughly every day. Some cats will refuse to go to the bathroom in their box if it is dirty.

PRO TIP: For every cat you have, you should have an extra litter box. For example, if you have 3 cats you should have 4 litter boxes.

Scoop for litter box- Used to remove waste from litter.

Litter- Most people prefer clumping litter. If you save grocery bags, you can scoop the solids into a grocery bag and throw it away. Non-clumping litter would require you to dump the entire litter box daily.



Pro tip: Add Cat Attract to the litter for the first month or so to help the kitty find the litter box

Hand broom and dustpan- for sweeping up any stray litter kicked outside of the box

General Care

Food- Your new kitty is currently eating **Hill's Science Diet**. However, you may use whatever food you prefer. You will be sent home with a trial bag of food to mix into the food you decide to use. This technique helps to minimize any upset stomach caused by switching foods too fast!

Food and water bowls

Nail Clippers- Most cats are much more comfortable with the special scissors style cat clippers sold at pet stores. The more comfortable they are, the easier it is to trim their nails! The younger you start, the better for

both of you. Be sure to offer treats during associations! If you are uncomfortable with reaching out to your veterinarian

or after their nail trim to create positive associations, you can always reach



Entertainment

Cat scratchers- The more the better! Providing scratching toys prevents the possibility of your kitty relieving that scratching urge on your furniture while aiding in filing their nails down. Add some catnip to make it especially attractive!



Toys- Toys help keep kitties occupied throughout the day. Cats almost universally love teaser toys (fishing pole type) and toy mice like the ones pictured below. You can also find cat toys made of catnip which is also loved by most felines. Be very careful not to leave anything with feathers out unattended, as cats may tear off the feathers and swallow. This puts them at a huge risk of intestinal obstruction, often requiring emergency surgery.



Cat Furniture- Investing in carpet covered perches or towers where cats can hang out high and look out the window or watch their people from above can significantly reduce boredom and stress.

