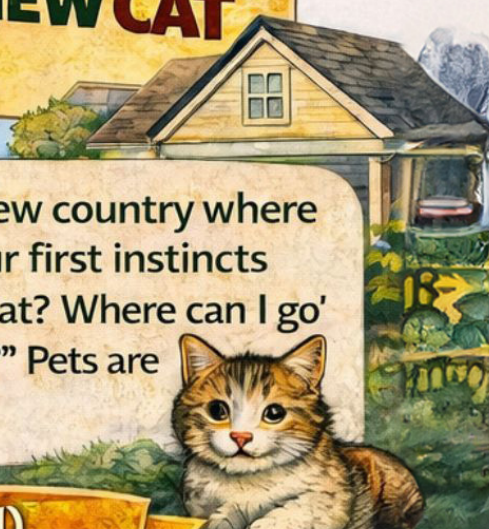
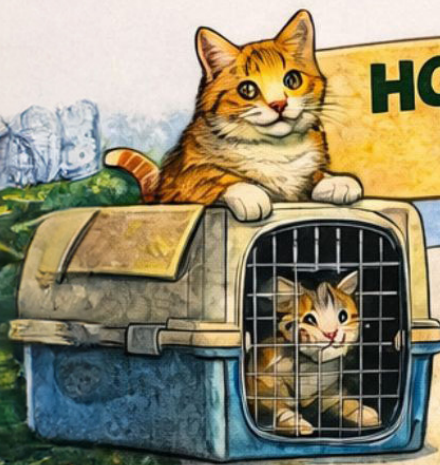


HOW TO INTRODUCE A NEW CAT TO YOUR HOME



Imagine being transported to a new country where you don't know the language. Your first instincts would be "Am I safe? Where can I eat? Where can I go to the bathroom? Where can I sleep?" Pets are no different. It's all about building trust.

The First Few Days (Acclimation Period)

1. QUIET ARRIVAL

Create a safe room. Carry the cat in a carrier to the designated room; open the carrier door and let them come out on their own.



2. SPEND QUIET TIME

Sit in the room, talk softly, and offer treats or toys, but don't force interaction.



3. PROVIDE RESOURCES

Ensure constant access to fresh food, water, 2+ **litterboxes** (at opposite ends of the home to prevent resource guarding), and provide hiding spots.



4. SCENT SWAPPING (for other pets)

Rub a clean sock on the new cat's face, then set it in your resident pet's food area. Repeat with another sock with your resident cat's cheek and place next to the new cat's food bowl to familiarize them with each other's scent.



5. SUPERVISE FIRST EXPLORATIONS

Once comfortable in their room, let them explore the house, while keeping other pets or young children separated initially.




6. CONTROLLED INTRODUCTIONS


When first introducing to a dog, first exercise the dog really well, then keep them on a leash or in a wire crate for safety and allow the cat to spend time in the room for a few minutes. Provide praise and reward both pets. Repeat again the next day, with increased exposure to each other.

THE 3-3-3 RULE


3 DAYS

 To decompress and feel safe

3 WEEKS

 To feel more comfortable and start to trust

3 MONTHS

 To fully adjust and build a bond with you.