

What to expect when adopting a kitten or cat

Every feline is unique and will adjust differently.
Give your time, space and attention and allow them to go at their own pace.

BE PREPARED: Have food & water, food & water bowls, litter and litter box and toys ready.

CREATE SPACE: Set up a bed and litter box for them in a bathroom or closet or somewhere that's just for them. They may later sleep anywhere later, but at first it's a good idea to have a specific sleeping space for them only, where they can feel safe for the first month or so and where they can stay while you are out of the house. Set up their food away from the litter box and bed.

KITTENS: Kittens are high energy, that's why it's a good idea to adopt 2 together. This would require less constant attention from you and also keeps them from being lonely when you are gone from the house all day. But of course they do need playtime from humans for better socialization. Having scratching posts available and learn to trim the very tips of their claws is recommended.

ADULT or SENIOR CATS: Don't overlook the grownup kitties. They are more laid back. This is good for children. They are more independent and better equipped to be on their own when you are gone.

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IN THE FIRST WEEK:

- Feeling overwhelmed, loud noises can scare them
- May be scared and unsure of what is going
- May not want to eat or drink
- May hide under a bed or in a closet.

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AFTER 3 WEEKS:

- Starting to settle in
- Feeling more comfortable
- Getting more comfortable with other household pets
- Figured out their environment
- Getting into a routine
- Lets their guard down and may start showing their true personality

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AFTER 3 MONTHS:

- Finally completely comfortable in their home
- Building trust and a true bond
- Gained a complete sense of security with their new family
- Set in a routine and friends with their fellow pets