

New Adopter Shopping List

Consider these items when you are shopping for you new kitty:



Cat carrier

- Choose a carrier that is large enough for a full-size adult cat.
- Avoid using soft-sided carriers in vehicles since deployed air bags can severely injure your kitty.
- Use a seatbelt to secure the carrier on the seat when riding with your kitty.

Litter boxes

- If you have multiple cats, use one-litter box PER CAT for the household.
- Choose UNcovered litter boxes; cats can feel enclosed in the covered ones and stop using them.
- The bigger the litter box, the better. Make sure kitty has plenty of room to move around.

Kitty litter

- Choose UNScented litter or one that is carbon activated for odor control, as recommended by the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP).

Cat food

- Feed your kitty canned food for the majority of his/her diet with dry food occasionally.
- See your veterinarian for specific nutritional requirements based on your cat's breed, age and health.

Food bowls

- Choose bowls made of stainless steel, ceramic or glass. Avoid bowls made of plastic since they are difficult to clean and the bacteria that gather on them can cause chin acne.

Cat- friendly toys

- You do not have to spend a lot of money to keep kitty amused – set aside paper bags without the handles. (No plastic since cats can get trapped inside and suffocate!)
- Put ping pong balls in the bathtub and watch kitty go after them.
- Avoid giving your kitty yarn, thread, string or ribbon since they can ingest it.

Safe collar

- Get a “break-away” collar that opens if the collar becomes caught or entangled.

Grooming supplies

- Depending on the type of fur your kitty has, you will want to consider different combs and brushes. Consider the “Furminator,” brushes with rubber “fingers” and simple pet combs.

ADDED NOTE: CAT PROOF your home by making sure cupboard doors close tightly and by storing string, ribbon, yarn and dental floss out of kitty's reach.



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