

# Bringing home YOUR NEW CAT

Bringing your cat home from the shelter is an exciting time for both of you, but for the cat it can also be a stressful event. Preparing your home and making the effort to create a safe space for your new family member will make everything go much smoother! Here are some helpful tips for a smooth transition and a happy start together.

## Setting Your New Cat Up For Success

### Create a Safe Space

- Your cat needs a safe, quiet space to decompress for the first few days. A bathroom or small bedroom works well. Provide food, water, litter box, and cozy bedding. Avoid overwhelming them—limit access to the whole house at first.

### Give Them Time

- Cats adjust at their own pace. It's normal for them to hide, sleep a lot, or be wary of new surroundings. Let them come to you on their terms. When approaching your new feline friend, speak softly and move slowly to help them feel safe.

### Litter Box Tips

- Place the litter box in a quiet, accessible location. Scoop the litterbox daily and keep the box clean and odor-free. Be sure to avoid sudden changes in litter type or box style.

### Play & Enrichment

- Offer scratching posts, toys, and window views.
- Play daily with interactive toys to build your bond and burn off energy.
- Puzzle feeders and cat trees are great for mental and physical stimulation.