



SHOPPING LIST FOR YOUR NEW CAT:

1. Cat or Kitten Food

We feed a combination of wet and dry and we will give you a sample of dry food to gradually mix in with your new food. Choose a high quality, non-generic food. Avoid by-products, artificial colors, and preservatives. Check the ingredients, meat or meat meal should be the first ingredient.

2. Food and Water Dishes

Ceramic or stainless steel dishes are recommended over plastic ones. Be sure to get bowls that are wide and shallow enough for your cat's face.



3. Litterbox and Litter Scoop

Make sure the box is big enough, cats like room to turn around. If you choose a covered box, make sure there is enough room for your cat to stand up straight and turn around in. If you have multiple cats, you should have one litterbox per cat, plus an extra one.

4. Litter

Most cats prefer fine-grained, unscented litter. Choose either scoopable, or a high-quality dust-free clay litter. Do not use clumpable litter for kittens.

5. Toys

Examples of toys include: plastic rolling balls, catnip-filled toys, paper bags with handles removed, soft stuffed animals, cardboard boxes, and sisal-wrapped toys. Interactive toys include: cat charmers, feather wands, and laser pointers. Provide toys that offer a variety of uses: one toy to carry, one to "kill," one to roll, and one to "baby."



6. Scratch Post

Provide your cat with at least a flat or inclined corrugated cardboard scratching box. It is also important to provide them with a vertical scratch post made out of sisal, rope, or bark. It should be tall enough so the cat can fully stretch out (at least 28 inches) and stabilized so it doesn't fall on your cat.

7. Brush

A slicker brush and a fine-toothed comb are grooming tools to have on hand. Your cat may also enjoy getting brushed with a zoom groom.

8. Nail Clippers

Get a well-made pair of clippers designed especially for cats.

9. Cat Carrier

We can provide you with a temporary cardboard carrier, but a sturdy plastic carrier is ideal for transporting your cat. AWLA sells used carriers for \$5 each, while supplies last.

