

What does my cat need?

Anticipating your new arrival? How exciting!



To help you get your home set up for your new pet, we've put together a checklist. Download it, take it shopping with you and stick it on your fridge – it's got everything you need for your new cat.

A change of environment can be stressful for a cat and it might take a few weeks for them to get used to their new home. You can find step-by-step advice on welcoming your new cat home at www.cats.org.uk/welcoming-your-new-cat-home

You'll need:

- **One food bowl and one water bowl**
Remember to place them away from each other!
- **Food and water**
You can find out more about what to feed your cat at www.cats.org.uk/feeding
- **A comfortable bed**
Cats need a safe place to sleep and whatever you buy should be soft and warm.
- **An uncovered litter tray**
Keep it far away from your cat's food and water area too.
- **Access to a high spot**
A place where they can view their surroundings. A simple cardboard box in a high place will do the trick.
- **A scratching post**
Scratching is a natural part of cat's behaviour and helps to keep claws trim.
- **A brush**
Grooming is important, especially for longhaired cats.
- **Toys**
Cat toys are great for playtime and are essential in keeping indoor cats occupied. For boredom busters you can make at home, visit www.cats.org.uk/enrichment.
- **Cat carrier**
While you might not need it often, a carrier is the safest way to transport your cat, making it essential for trips to the vet. Choose something well ventilated and sturdy.

Please remember:
When providing beds, litter trays, scratching posts and food and water bowls, provide one extra. When more than one cat is sharing the home, provide one of these items per cat plus one extra. For example, two cats should have access to at least three litter trays.

