

Getting Ready for Your New Cat: A Wish List

Not sure what you'll need to prepare for the arrival of your new pal? To properly care for your new kitten or adult cat, you'll need to have some basic items ready when he or she comes to stay.

Required items for your kitten or cat's health, happiness and safety:

Collar - make sure it's a breakaway collar

ID Tag - If your kitty goes outside

Food & water bowls - metal or glass bowls are best - wash daily

Food - that is well balanced and premium to maintain your pet's health. Dry food is best for their teeth. Be sure to choose food appropriate for your cat's life stage. No generics!

Toys - to keep kitty from being bored. Plus, playtime gives you a chance to bond with your new friend.

Toothbrush & toothpaste - a dental program will promote healthy teeth and gums that need to last through your cat's lifetime

Grooming Tools - depends on your cat's coat, but a good brush is a must for keeping the skin healthy and the coat shining and mat free

Nail Clippers - unless you plan to have your cat professionally groomed, your cat's nails need to be clipped on a regular basis

Bed - to provide a place to cuddle up

Scratching post - a place of his own to satisfy his natural need to scratch

Litter box - there are many types to choose from. Make sure you have at least one more litter box than you do cats (1 cat = 2 litter boxes)

Litter scoop - for scooping the little presents your kitty leaves in her box

Litter - needs no explanation, right? Scented litter is stinky to cats.

Carrier - for carrying your friend to the vet. Most cats do much better when traveling in a carrier



These Items are highly recommended:

Stain & odor neutralizer - for quickly treating any accidents

Litter pan liners - to make clean up a little more convenient

Treats - just because you love her! Be careful of too many

Catnip - cats have fun with it and it also aids in digestion

Hairball paste - to keep hairballs from being a problem

Ear Cleaner - to keep your cat's ears clean and healthy

Containers - for holding dry food & treats

Hair pickup - to remove hair your cat has shed on clothing and furniture

Congratulations & enjoy your new best friend!