Before your cat arrives



Prepare a quiet base, agree on daily care, and let your cat choose the pace.

Use this with the full guide.
Adapt the plan to your animal.

YOUR CHECKLIST

- [ ] Check doors, windows and screens.
- [ ] Prepare a quiet hide and a reachable resting place.
- [ ] Separate food, water and toileting areas.
- [ ] Provide two accessible litter trays in different locations.
- [ ] Ask about familiar food, litter, care and medicines.
- [ ] Save veterinary contacts and agree household boundaries.

A cat straining with little or no urine needs an emergency vet. A cat who stops eating needs prompt veterinary advice.

Read the complete guide: https://gaw.org.au/blog/bringing-a-rescue-cat-home/

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RSPCA Australia — Litter-tray guidance

Feline veterinary guidance — A step-by-step guide to introducing cats