

Caring for your Adopted Cat





Congratulations on your adoption! Bringing a new cat into your home is a new and exciting experience! Below are some tips on how to properly care for your new cat.

The first 24 hours

Cats are territorial, and coming into a new home leaves them feeling really uneasy. We recommend providing a small area to call his/her own for the first few days or weeks. A bathroom or laundry room works well. Furnish the room with cat amenities, such as food, water and a litter box. You'll want to spend time with your cat, so make sure there's a comfortable place for you to sit as well.

Fill a litter box with one or two inches of litter and place it in his room where he can use it undisturbed.

What to Feed your Cat

GTHS is sponsored with Royal Canin. At our shelter we 'free feed' our cats and therefore leave them bowls of fresh kibble and water at all times. In addition, we also provide canned food two to three per daily (depending on their age). High quality canned kitten/cat food provides the calories and nutrients required for overall health and wellness. Canned food is available for purchase at the GTHS Pet Store.

Transitioning the Diet

Although we are sponsored by Royal Canin you are welcome to transition to a new diet or perhaps the diet your other cats are currently eating. A slow transition is important for reducing the occurrence of dietary upsets. We recommend choosing a cat food that uses high quality ingredients and avoids fillers. A visit to your local pet store or veterinary hospital can help you decide which food is best for your pet.

The Great Outdoors

Deciding whether or not your cat will venture outdoors is a personal decision. This decision should be based on your location, environment and living situation. Outdoor cats are exposed to wildlife, traffic, neighbouring cats and other extreme elements; studies show they live shorter lives. If you do decide to let your cat outdoors be sure to wait until they have had their spay/neuter surgery (if not already done) and ensure they are receiving monthly applications of flea prevention. In addition, speak with your veterinarian about appropriate vaccine protection.

Our Commitment to You

Ensuring our adopted cats and kittens live long and healthy lives is our passion. Should you run into dilemmas or problems down the road please don't hesitate to call us for advice. Please contact us at info@gths.ca or call 705-445-5204 ex 225. We have a wealth of resources at our disposal and would be happy to try our best to help you. We can also always visit our website at www.gths.ca for some great tips.



Integrating your New Cat with Other Pets

When you first bring your cat home it is important to confine the cat to a small room. Good rooms are your bedroom, laundry room or bathroom. This will allow you to monitor that the cat is eating drinking and using the litter box. During this time, your existing pets will have the opportunity to sniff the cat under the door and get used to the new scent. This process is important before the official meeting to avoid any negative first time encounters.

We recommend waiting at least 48 to 72 hours before allowing your new cat to meet your existing pets. This will ensure that your pets are used to each others' scent. Remember animals can be very territorial and resistant to change! Start with short, positive experiences and build from there. Remember that taking your time is much easier than undoing a negative encounter.

As always, please don't hesitate to call us. We are here to help!

The Importance of Using a Carrier

Transporting cats safely is an extremely important part of responsible pet ownership. This requires the use of a well made carrier for any transportation outside, including car rides! Although you may trust your cat, new environments can be overwhelming and without the protection of a carrier could result in the loss of your cat!

Scratching Post

All cats need to scratch. It's a normal behaviour for cats that serves multiple functions. It's important to provide an appropriate outlet for the cat to engage in this behaviour. Cats may have a preference for vertical or horizontal posts as well as a surface preference. Kittens and some adult cats may need guidance and training with the scratching post.

Have Patience

This is the most important key to helping your new family member settle in. Understand that your shelter cat may be feeling anxiety and be willing to give her lots of patience and guidance. It takes time to help a shelter cat become a family pet.



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Collingwood: GTHS Pet Store, 549 Tenth Line
 Pet Valu, 99 Balsam Street
 Global Pet Foods, 20 Balsam Street

Thornbury: Mullins Pet Market, 99 King Street

Meaford: Mullins Pet Market, 365 Sykes Street South

Wasaga Beach: Global Pet Foods, 3 Market Lane
 Pet Valu, 707 River Road West

Markdale: Mullins Pet Market, 217 Toronto Street South

