



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ADOPTION!

We'll email your cat's medical records soon, and will check with you in about a week to make sure your feline friend is adjusting to their new surroundings as expected. Here are some important pointers for your first days together!



HOME INTRODUCTION: Set up a 'safe room' before letting them out of the carrier.

- Set up a room with essential resources: litter box, food/water bowls, solo toys, and an accessible but private, comfortable spot for them to hide. The cat should be **confined** to this room initially, door closed; do not give them the option to explore the rest of the house yet.
- Put away medications, plants, or other dangerous items. Windows should be secured. Block any tricky areas (like under sinks/cabinets) before allowing your cat access to these spaces.
- Place the litter box as far away from food and water dishes as possible for the space.
- Note that cats who are very fearful will have different needs than more confident cats — talk to staff before you take your cat(s) home about appropriate safe rooms and hiding spot options.

BEHAVIOR AND HANDLING: Give your cat space, and follow their cues.

- Avoid giving your cat excessive attention initially. Cats need some "alone time" to process change.
- You can sit nearby and read or talk to them; they may also enjoy soft music.
- If they are receptive, it is okay to pet them gently, give them treats, or encourage them to engage with wand toys.





CARE AND FEEDING: Start with familiar routines.

- We feed our cats Nulo canned and dry food: $\frac{1}{3}$ of a 6 oz can twice daily, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup kibble per day. We let them nibble on this throughout the day. Check the medical records you received, and ask your adoption counselor about any special dietary requirements for your cat.
- It is normal for cats not to eat much or at all for the first 24 - 48 hours in a new environment. It is okay to offer small amounts of tasty treats on the second day; on the third day if they are not eating at all please contact us, or your veterinarian.
- Cats like fresh water — clean/refill their water bowl daily.
- We use unscented clay clumping litter, and uncovered, large litter boxes. We scoop the boxes at least twice daily.



SIGNS OF SICKNESS AND OTHER MEDICAL CONCERNS:

- If your cat was under treatment, please make sure to finish any medication as directed. If you have difficulty getting the cats to take the medication, contact us for additional tips and resources.
- Some cats will display cold symptoms (runny nose/eyes, sneezing) which are likely triggered by the stress of change; this usually does not require treatment. Contact us or your veterinarian if the discharge is thick and not clear, if the cat is unable to open either eye, if they are very lethargic and/or not eating.
- Our cats receive routine flea control and deworming while at Cat Town. If you observe signs of parasites within 30 days of adoption, you may contact us for assistance. After 30 days, please consult your veterinarian for routine parasite control.
- We recommend researching local veterinary practices and establishing yourself as a client as soon as possible.



POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT: If we identify your cat as needing extra support to adjust to a home, a volunteer case manager will be in touch with you within a few days; all other adopters receive a routine check-in email within a week. Any Cat Town adopter can also email support@cattownoakland.org with general behavior questions.

OTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? CONTACT US! General care/medical questions? Email adopt@cattownoakland.org. Urgent medical or behavior questions? Call or text **510-731-0307**.