

# Park View Cattery

Tips, tricks and advice to prepare for your cat's stay

# Preparation!

We understand that bringing your cat to a cattery can be a stressful time for both you and your cat and therefore preparation is key!





## Things to bring

- Bringing your cat's home comforts with them can help make them feel more at home. It could be their favourite toy, a cosy blanket or even your smelly shoe! Don't worry about bringing bowls and litter trays, we have that covered for you.
- We have a selection of wet and dry foods that cover most diets. However, if your cat has any specific dietary requirements or preferences, please bring some of their food.
- Please remember to also bring their vaccination certificate and, if you are a new customer, their booking form.

# Issues with the carrier?

- Yes... we have all experienced attempting to put an unwilling cat in the carrier and it can be a nightmare!
- Cats often associate going into a carrier with a potential visit to the vets or a previous negative experience. Prior to their stay, make the carrier a fun place to hang out! Place it somewhere familiar, like their favourite room and place a cosy blanket inside. You can even remove the lid to begin with if your cat is hesitant to enter. Place some treats or their favourite toy inside and let your cat explore. Your cat may begin sleeping in the carrier or using it as a hiding spot!
- Once your cat is happy entering the carrier, give them lots of positive reinforcement in the form of praise and treats. Try closing the door if your cat looks comfortable and relaxed.





# Time to put them in the carrier!

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- Now your cat is *hopefully* comfortable and happy to go into the carrier, there are a few things to check first! Firstly, ensure the carrier is prepared correctly. Make sure the locking mechanisms work properly and it is safe to use. The door should also be secured on one side. Place some newspaper, a non-slip blanket or veterinary bedding inside to help them stay comfortable and stable during their ride to the cattery.
- Please don't place their most favourite blanket inside as they may urinate or defecate on it! You could try spraying some Feliway (which is a spray that emulates the natural pheromones found in the cat's facial glands which are secreted when the cat head rubs an object as something familiar).
- Be confident and don't hesitate! You can try using the head-first technique, bottom-first technique, 'purr..ito' method or the 'gravity' method depending on what you and your cat prefer. It's important to stay calm as your cat can sense your stress. Once they're in, pop a towel over the top to help your cat feel safe and secure.

# You've made it to the cattery!

- Hurray, you've made it! Ring the bell and we will welcome you to their room.
- When you enter their room, feel free to let your inner Lawrence Llewelyn-Bowen out and do some interior decorating with their favourite items first before letting them out of the carrier!
- We recommend you pop your cat's carrier on our wooden shelves facing the bedroom area so if they feel nervous, they have a place to hide until they feel confident enough to explore.

