

# **ONE WEEK SHUT DOWN**

**Super mandatory. Non-negotiable. Very important!**

Everywhere gets too many cats returned because their adopters have not properly introduced them to their new home. Failure to follow the one week shut down can cause issues such as going outside the litter box or hiding.

To ensure that your new cat has adequate opportunity to adjust to his/ her new environment and family, please follow the following simple steps in the one week shut down:

1. Set up a "safe room" - a bathroom or small room with food, water, bedding and a litter box!
2. Keep the room safe and quiet - exclude small children and other animals from this room.
3. Allow the cat to come out of the carrier as his own pace in this room only.
4. Quietly and patiently interact with the cat in this room at least twice a day. Providing wet food will help with bonding and adjustment.
5. After one week (maybe longer, depends on the cat/kitten), you may open the door to allow the cat to explore the house at his / her own pace. Allow cat access back to this "safe" room until the cat seems comfortable in all areas of the house.

If you have other pets, please follow the separate introduction instructions, which may be included in your packet or found online by searching for cat-to-cat or cat-to-dog introductions!

If you have any trouble or questions, please don't hesitate to email us at

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