

What to Expect When Boarding Your Cat (Especially for the First Time)

Boarding your cat can feel stressful—cats are creatures of habit and often more sensitive to change than dogs. Our goal is to provide a calm, safe, and comfortable environment while you're away. Here's what you can expect:

Before Your Cat's Stay

Vaccination Requirements

For the health and safety of all pets in our care, we require up-to-date vaccinations. Please provide records prior to your cat's stay.

Temperament & Preferences

Every cat is different. Let us know if your cat is shy, social, vocal, or has any specific preferences so we can tailor their care.

What to Bring

- Your cat's regular food (to avoid stomach upset)
 - Any medications with clear instructions
 - Optional: a blanket, bed, or item from home for comfort
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Drop-Off Day

Minimize Stress

Cats do best with calm, quiet transitions. Keeping drop-off quick and low-stimulation helps reduce anxiety.

Safe Arrival

Please ensure your cat arrives in a secure carrier.

During Their Stay

Calm & Quiet Environment

Cats are housed in a peaceful area away from high noise and activity whenever possible.

Daily Care Includes:

- Fresh food and water
- Litter box cleaning multiple times daily
- Monitoring for appetite, behavior, and overall health

Individual Attention

Depending on your cat's personality, we provide gentle interaction, playtime, or simply quiet companionship.

Respecting Boundaries

Some cats prefer minimal handling, and that's okay—we follow their lead to keep them comfortable.

Common First-Time Boarding Behaviors

It's normal for cats to:

- Hide or be less social at first
- Eat less than usual for the first day or two
- Vocalize more (or less) than normal
- Experience mild stress-related stomach upset

Most cats adjust within a couple of days once they feel secure in their space.

If decreased appetite lasts more than 24–48 hours, or if you notice vomiting, diarrhea, or extreme lethargy after returning home, we recommend contacting your veterinarian.

Health & Safety

Clean & Sanitized Spaces

We maintain a clean environment with regular sanitation of enclosures and litter areas.

Monitoring

Our team keeps a close eye on your cat's eating habits, litter box use, and overall behavior.

Medical Needs

We are happy to administer medications with clear instructions.

Pick-Up Day

Reuniting at Home

Your cat may take a little time to readjust to their home environment. Some may be extra affectionate, while others may prefer space initially.

Post-Boarding Behavior

It's normal for cats to sleep more, eat more, or seek extra comfort once home.

Tips for a Successful First Stay

- Keep feeding routines consistent before and after boarding
 - Avoid sudden diet changes prior to their stay
 - Bring familiar items that smell like home
 - Inform us of any medical conditions or behavioral quirks
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We're Here for You

We understand that leaving your cat in someone else's care is a big decision. Our goal is to provide a safe, low-stress environment where your cat can feel secure while you're away.

If you have any questions before your cat's stay, we're always happy to help!