



Kneading Kitty's Rescue



Dear Adopter,

Thank you for adopting from Kneading Kitty's Rescue! Adopting a new kitty is an exciting time for you and your family. **Please email us if you have any questions or issues, we will return your message within 24 hours:** info@kneadingkittysrescueaz.com

Visit our Adopter Resources webpage <https://kneadingkittysrescueaz.com/adopter-resources> (or scan the QR code above) for information on:

- PetSmart Adoption Coupon Book (If you didn't get one on the day you adopted)
- Introducing New Kitty to Another Cat or Dog
- New Kitty Is Shy
- Litter Box Issues
- Furniture Clawing
- Vet Recommendations

Health

We do our best to ensure all kitties are healthy before being put up for adoption. Sometimes the stress of going into a new home can affect them physically. If you have any immediate concerns, please email us. It's also a good idea to schedule a vet check-up and establish a relationship with a vet soon after adopting. **There is a free vet visit coupon in the Adoption Coupon Book provided by PetSmart, and a list of recommended vets on our website.**

Microchip Registry

About three weeks after adoption, we will transfer your kitty's microchip registration to you. **You will receive an email from Free Pet Chip Registry once the chip is registered in your name (you may need to check your Junk folder for the email).** Go to freepetchipregistry.com to create your own account and maintain your pet's information once the registration is transferred.

Follow Up

One of our volunteers will check in with you approximately one month after adoption. But if you have questions before then, please email us. We love to get pictures and updates on how the kitty is adjusting to their new family.

Thank You,

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Bringing Kitty Home

We adopted a cat today. How do we help her adjust to our family?

Please give them time to adjust to their new home. Some cats may just come out right away and act like they have lived there forever, while others might hide and take time to adjust.

- Provide your new cat with a quiet, safe place to spend the next few days, preferably a room that doesn't get a lot of traffic. Set up a litter box, food/water dishes near the cat carrier. Leave the cat in the carrier for about a ½ hour. After things have calmed down, open the carrier door, but do not force the cat to come out. She may run and hide or not come out at all. Give her time.
- Give your new cat plenty of time to explore this room without any distractions (children or other pets). Keep in mind some cats are ready for instant family attention, and some are not. Cats can take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks to adjust completely.
- Over the next few days, introduce members of the family slowly and only for short periods of time. If your cat seems agitated, leave her alone to calm down. Allow your cat to explore safe areas of the house with supervision until you and your cat are comfortable with the new living arrangement.

We adopted a new cat today; is it too soon to introduce her to the family dog or cat?

Yes, it is too soon. When introducing your new cat to other pets, we suggest you do it slowly, for a more successful transition. If your current pets have never been around other pets, the adjustment period might take longer. **Please read our handout "Introducing New Kitty to your Resident Cat or Dog".** If you didn't receive it in your adoption packet, please go to our website: <https://kneadingkittysrescueaz.com/adopter-resources>

It Doesn't Happen Overnight

Please have patience and let your cat adjust

<p><u>3 Days</u> to Decompress</p> 	<p>They may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be overwhelmed• Feel scared or unsure of what's going on• Not yet feel comfortable showing their true personality• Avoid eating and drinking• Reinforce "keep away" boundaries" or act "shut down"• Hide behind or under furniture
<p><u>3 Weeks</u> To Learn Your Routine</p> 	<p>They may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize this might be a safe place• Learn their environment• Feel more comfortable and let their guard down• Show more of their true personality• Start establishing a routine
<p><u>3 Months</u> To Feel at Home!</p> 	<p>They may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finally feel comfortable in their new home• Begin to build trust and bond• Gain a sense of true security with their new family• Have a firmly established routine