

FREQUENTLY ASKED:

Introducing another cat to your home

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Go Slow, Let Them Set the Pace

A gradual introduction is key. Rushing the process can create fear and long-lasting stress. Follow your cats' body language and move forward only when they are showing comfort.

Separate to Start

Set up a separate room for your new cat with everything they need – litter tray, food, water, bedding and places to hide. This gives them time to settle and feel safe.

Scent Swaps First

Cats rely heavily on scent. Before any face-to-face meetings, swap bedding or use a soft cloth to rub each cat and then the bedding. This helps them become familiar with each other's scent in a positive, non-threatening way.

Controlled Visual Introductions

Once both cats are relaxed with scent, allow sight through a baby gate or cracked door. Keep sessions short and positive. Look for calm, curious behaviour – not staring, hissing or swatting.

Supervise All Interactions

When your cats are ready to meet face-to-face, keep initial sessions short and supervised. Have escape routes, vertical spaces and plenty of hiding spots available for both cats at all times.

Respect Their Individuality

Every cat is different. Some may become friends, others may simply tolerate each other – and that's okay. Provide separate resources and attention to ensure both cats feel secure and valued.

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