

FREQUENTLY ASKED:

Why don't the cats mix together?

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Cats Are Territorial By Nature

Most cats prefer predictable, stable territories. Being forced to share space with unfamiliar cats can cause stress, conflict and even injury. Keeping cats separate protects their physical safety and emotional wellbeing.

Doherty, T. J., et al. (2017). J Feline Med Surg, 19(7), 588–595.

Stress Has Real Health Impacts

Chronic stress can suppress the immune system, reduce appetite and increase the risk of illness. Minimising social stressors is one of the most important ways we support your cat's health during their stay.

Sparkes, A. H. (2015). J Feline Med Surg, 17(5), 361–370.

Even Friendly Cats Can Disagree

Many cats who seem comfortable with other cats at home may still feel stressed in a new environment with different cats, scents and resources. Preferences can change depending on territory and context.

Rochlitz, I. (2015). J Feline Med Surg, 17(3), 220–232.

Resources Must Be Fully Controlled

When cats are kept separately, each has access to their own food, water, litter tray, bedding, enrichment and resting places. This prevents competition and allows every cat to feel secure and in control.

American Association of Feline Practitioners (2018). Environmental Needs Guidelines.

Fighting Can Escalate Very Quickly

Cat fights can start suddenly and escalate within seconds, even between cats who previously coexisted peacefully. Preventing access to each other removes this risk completely.

Casey, R. A., & Bradshaw, J. W. S. (2018). Appl Anim Behav Sci, 207, 77–84.

Our Focus Is Their Individual Wellbeing

By keeping cats separate, we can tailor each cat's environment, routine and care to their individual needs and personality. This is the best way to ensure a calm, positive and enriching stay.

International Society of Feline Medicine (2021). ISFM Guidelines for the Environmental Needs of Cats.



While some cats may enjoy the company of other cats at home, a boarding environment is not the place to test that. Keeping cats separate is the kindest, safest choice and allows every guest to feel relaxed, secure and cared for.

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