



How to Help Your Cat Feel Safe



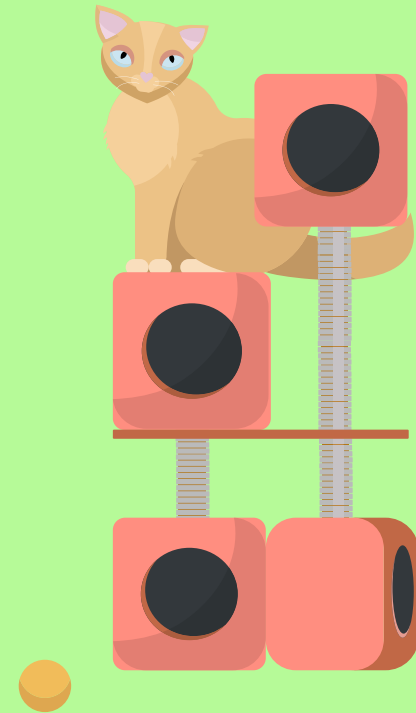
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Safety and Cats

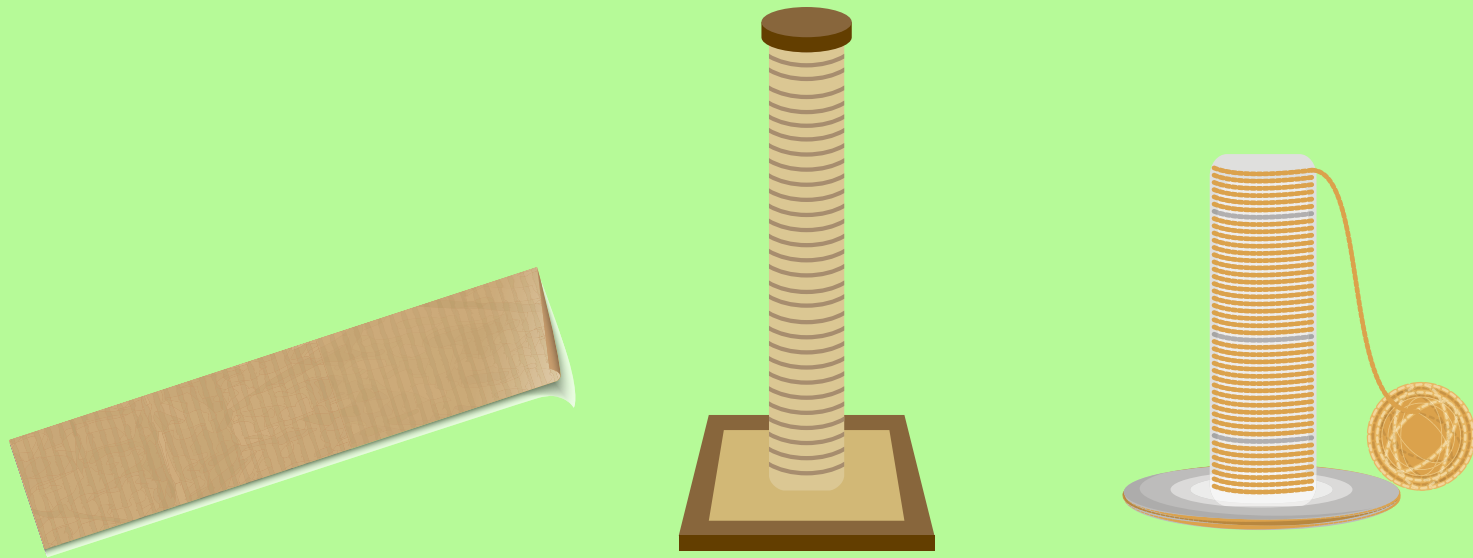
As well as being accomplished predators, cats are also prey animals, so have evolved to be highly vigilant. This means we have to take extra care to help them feel safe and secure in their homes. Luckily, there are lots of things we can put in place to help achieve this.

High Places



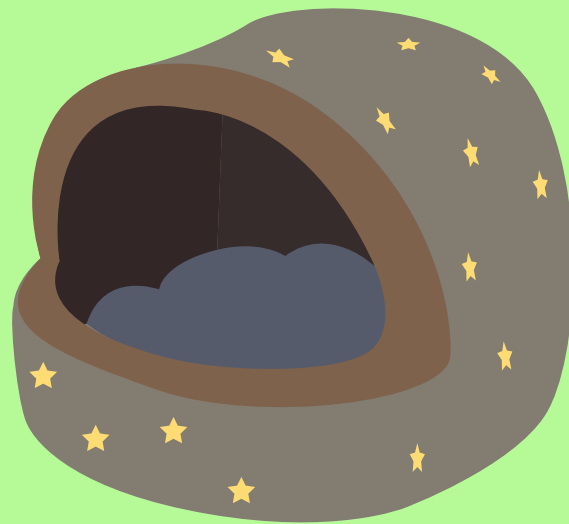
Cats generally feel more secure when provided with high places as this makes them less vulnerable to predators. Cat trees, furniture, and shelves can all work well.

Scratching Posts



Cats are very territorial animals, so marking their territory is really important to their sense of safety. Scratching posts are a great way to enable this because cats have scent glands in their paws.

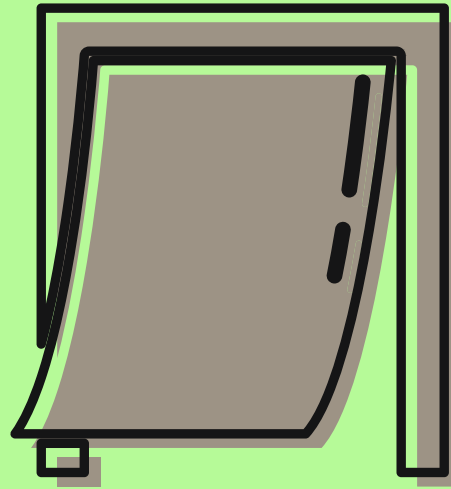
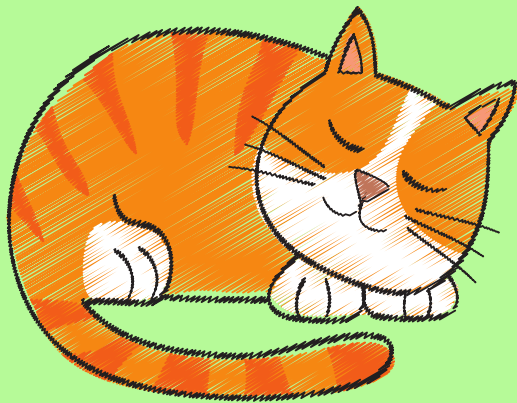
Enclosed Spaces



Cats love enclosed spaces as it gives them somewhere safe to hide.

Cat baskets are great options as well giving them access to naturally enclosed spaces around the house such as under the bed.

Secure Home



A microchip cat flap is a great way to stop unfamiliar cats breaking into your home and making your cat feel unsafe.

Choices



Like many animals, cats feel much less safe if they have less control over their environment. To increase their sense of control, provide them with lots of places to explore, lots of places to sleep, and lots of toys to play with, so they can choose their preferred options.