

Before your kitty arrives!

Set up your home so it is cat safe:

- Have **one** bowl of **dry biscuits** down at **all times. Don't overfill** it, as it can lose its taste and smell if left out for too long.
- Always make sure there is fresh water, **replace the water at least twice a day. Wet food can be** given once a week as a treat!
- **Check** all your windows and doors for **escape routes**. Block off anything if needed and always **be careful**.
- Create a safe space where they can escape to. Cats like to get up high to feel **safe and to observe their environment**, so create a few places that can be their own in different areas of your home. It is also good to keep them relaxed and have time on their own. **When they arrive put the blanket from their crate in the safe space** so it smells familiar. If you can, put the food and water near one of their safe spaces too.
- If possible, put one **litter box** in the same room as their **safe space** and another in a different room. **Check** these boxes at least **twice daily**, morning and night to avoid accidents.
- Get them some cute toys! Cats love to play and are **natural hunters**, so balls they can chase, feather sticks they can hunt, soft toys they can chew on. **Scratching posts are essential** so they can keep their nails trimmed (also stops them from scratching your furniture!) and are great stress relievers for cats. Multi level posts are the best as there will be different levels for the cats to explore and play on.



Household Hazardous Objects

Human Medicines:

Antidepressants, Cancer medicines, Cold medicines
Diet pills, Pain relievers (acetaminophen, aspirin, ibuprofen) Vitamins and other supplements.

Human Foods:

Alcohol, Caffeine(coffee, soda, tea) Chives, Chocolate, Garlic, Grapes, Onions, Raisins, Xylitol (in sugarless gum, candies, toothpaste) Yeast dough.

Indoor and Outdoor Plants:

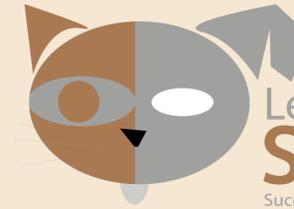
Aloe, Azalea, Chrysanthemum, Hyacinths, Lily, Marijuana, Mistletoe, Poinsettia, Rhododendron, Tulip.

Insecticides and Other Chemicals:

Antifreeze, Bleach, Detergent, De-icing salts (which pets may walk through, then lick from their pads), Dog flea and tick medication (pills, collars, spot-onfleatreatments,sprays, shampoos), Fertilizers Herbicides, Insect and rodent bait.

More Household Hazards:

Watch out for common household items that can choke or strangle your cat. Some may even block their intestines if they swallow them. Chicken bones, Dental floss, yarn, or string, Holiday decorations, including lights and tinsel, Toys with small or movable parts.



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Kitty
Adoption Pack!

Congratulations!



Congratulations on your new furry member of your family! Your kitty will come fully vaccinated, sterilized, and with their pet passport. You will also get a gift-bag with some cat toys, cat food, and a note on your kitty's temperament.

We are very happy you have chosen to adopt from **Let's Be S.M.A.R.T.!** Our mission at Let's Be S.M.A.R.T. is to educate about the importance of animals by raising the awareness level for their rights, well-being, and care. If you would like to help our organization and learn how to support our cause please visit: www.letsbesmart.org or www.letsbesmart-greece.org/adoptions

On our website, you can read more about our mission, view the animals at our shelter, and learn how to donate. LBS has an amazing Etsy shop labeled as our "smart shop" on our website. Our shop has a marvellous variety of items some made by our very own volunteers!

For any unanswered questions you have that were not covered in this brochure, please feel free to send an email to administration@letsbesmart.org



Getting your kitty home!

- Give them time and space.
- Don't let them out of the carrier until you are in your home and all the windows and doors are closed.
- Open the carrier near their safe space and near their food and water so they know where it is.
- Some cats may come out and hide straight away, if they do, don't worry, this is also normal.
- Talk to them in a gentle soothing voice, use their name and let them know you are there. Sit on the floor with them so you are on their level and have some treats or wet food ready to give.
- Don't crowd them and let them take things at their own pace. They may also be a super confident cat! So they will jump out of their crate, start exploring and ask for cuddles straight away.
- Cats are adaptable but some take more time than others. So, it's important to stay patient on this journey together.



If you have a cat



- Keep them separate for a few days.
- Feed them on opposite sides of the door.
- Introduce them when confident but always supervise & limit meetings to 30min - 1 hr.
- Praise good behavior with treats.
- Make sure your cat has a safe space if needed.
- Do this over a span of a few days until you see both cats completely relaxed.
- If you have more than one cat do this process but even slower.

If you have a dog



- Give your cat a week to fully settle into the home.
- Give your dog an object that has been around the cat to familiarize smell.
- Feed them on opposite sides of the door.
- On the day of introduction make sure your dog has been walked so energy levels are low.
- Supervise always and let them be together for 30min-1hr.
- Praise good behavior with treats.
- Make sure your cat has a safe space if needed.

If you have kids



- Give your cat a week to fully settle into the home.
- Tell your kids how to respect your new kitty's boundaries and how to approach and pet them gently.
- Sit everyone on the floor and let the kitty come to them, keep energy low.