

WHEN DONE CORRECTLY, the cats will get along the majority of the time.  
Never hesitate to reset and start over.



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# Transitioning your new cat



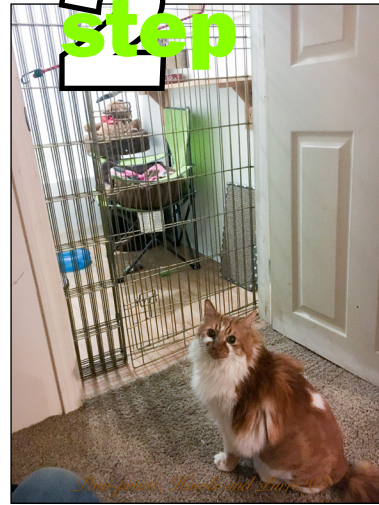
# to your home

# 1 step

Set up the new cat in a separate room for several days. It's important to have purchased ALL supplies beforehand.

- Food
- Food and water dishes
- Uncovered litter box and litter
- Feliway (cat pheromone that assists with stress and behaviors)
- Cat bed, hidey spot, cube and kennel (it's a good idea to bring at least one piece of bedding from the shelter to assist with transition as having something with their own smell alleviates stress)
- Comfort companion (stuffed animal to snuggle with)
- Cat trees and perches
- Music ("Through a Cat's Ear" music program strongly encouraged)
- Enrichment toys
- Scratching posts
- Cat DVDs

# 2 step



Once your new cat has settled into their safe space, install a full sized gate or screen so your new cat can see out, the resident cat can see in, but they cannot physically get to one another. The cats need to be able to see and smell each other. We encourage they eat their canned food together by the screen (or any other high-quality treat) and learn to be around each other. You may also swap out bedding for scent sharing. Continue to closely monitor their interactions by the screen. Set up play stations on both sides of the screen and use laser lights and feather toys to engage each cat. It's important all interactions are positive.

*It's possible STEP 2 could take up to 14 days, so don't be discouraged! Some cats will not take that long, but others may. Be patient and consistent through the process.*

# 3 step

After determining no negative interactions (hissing, growling), the next step is to allow the new cat to wander around the home while the resident cat checks out the new cat's room. Do not allow them to directly interact with each other yet. This step may take several days and gauging behaviors and reactions will help you determine how much time is needed.

## IF STEP 3 DOESN'T WORK, WHAT DO WE DO?

REPEAT Step 1. Start over by putting the new cat in the separate room, and keep the door closed. You may need to add a day or two to this step to give both cats a break from one another. Then, REPEAT Step 2 and Step 3.