## Feline Slow Introduction Guide



Guidelines	Take it slow when bringing a new feline into your home	
	Successful integration with resident pets can take time, days to weeks, depending on animal(s). We want this to be smooth so please do not rush through the process or skip steps. This is a proven method. Here is step-by-step guide for successful introductions.	

Prepare	After a few days	After approximately 3-4 days	Interacting in the home, Day 6-8
Have a separate, quiet room that is away from all other pets for the new feline (i.e., food bowl, water dish, litter box, scratch post and toys) Give the new pet plenty of time to become familiar with this space, the smells, sounds and the daily routine in the home before you start making introductions.	Allow the new feline to roam in another room in the home that is attached to their "safe space" room This will allow them to start smelling the other animals' odors and know that there are other pets in the home.	Start introducing your pets to the new feline but in an area that you can easily control the situation in case one of them exhibits any unwanted behaviors This is so your new feline can learn the rules as well as hierarchy within your animal kingdom.	You can now allow the feline to roam the areas that you deem appropriate. Be aware that your new feline may try to knead "digging claws" into different items (such as furniture, carpet, your arm or leg). This is how they "mark" their territory saying this is "mine". Be sure to properly redirect the cat in a way that is loving, yet firm.

## Reminder:

Congratulate yourself on a successful integration of your new family member!

- Remember that it can take several days or weeks for your new feline to truly feel at home.
- Be prepared to stick to a routine that includes exercise, affection, discipline and patience.