

Guide to

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MOVING WITH YOUR PET

Moving with a pet can be an excellent experience with a little planning and preparation. Whether you're relocating to a new city or just moving down the street, it's important to consider your pet's needs and comfort throughout the process. This guide will provide tips and information to help ensure that your pet's move is as smooth and stress-free as possible. From researching veterinarian options in your new location to making sure your pet is comfortable traveling, this guide will cover all the important things to keep in mind when moving with a pet. Additionally, it will also cover information on what to do with the pet during the move and after settling down, the best ways to acclimate them to the new surroundings, and how to ensure their overall well-being during and after the move.



7 TIPS FOR LISTING YOUR HOUSE WITH CATS



When listing your house for sale, it can be a bit more challenging if you have cats. Here are a few tips to help make the process go more smoothly:

1. Keep your cats out of the way: Keeping your cats in a single room during showings can help alleviate stress for your cat and make the showing experience easier for the buyers. It will also ensure no one gets outside who isn't supposed to.

2. Clean thoroughly: Clean litter boxes multiple times daily and right before leaving for a showing appointment. Vacuum daily as well and clean cat hair off chairs and couches.

3. Remove cat-related items: Remove any cat-related items such as scratching posts or litter boxes, to help de-personalize the space and make it more appealing to potential buyers. Put food bowls in cabinets or closets. Hide cat beds. Even covering their spot on the couch with a throw blanket will help minimize their presence.

4. Ask your agent: Having an agent that understands the needs of cats and cat owners is key. Great pet focused agents, like the members of Real Estate Pet Project, are experts at minimizing the presence of your furry friends.

5. Disclose: No matter how hard you try you won't be able to hide all evidence of your kitten. Be sure to disclose you have a cat(s) so both your agent and those showing your house can take the necessary precautions.

6. Staging tips: Staging your home properly is always important. When you have pets it's amplified. Consult with a professional stager to review your options and ensure your home is shown in it's best light.

7. Add pet-friendly features: Make sure to mention pet-friendly features of your house such as fenced yards, hardwood floors, and cat-friendly window ledges, for potential buyers.

Pro Tip: DO NOT put litter boxes in closets. It will confine and amplify the smell and can be very hard to eliminate later.



Taking the above precautions will make selling your house with cats a little more enjoyable for both you and your purring friends. Done correctly, having cats while selling shouldn't affect price or sales timeframe.

ACCLIMATING YOUR CAT TO A NEW HOUSE



Acclimating a cat to a new house can be a challenging process, but with patience and the right approach, it can be done successfully. Here are a few tips to help your cat adjust to its new home:

1. Create a safe space: Set up a room or area of the house that will be designated as your cat's safe space. This should be a quiet room with a bed, litter box, food and water bowls, and any familiar toys or blankets. This will give your cat a place to retreat to when it feels overwhelmed.

2. Gradually introduce the rest of the house: Once your cat has settled into its safe space,

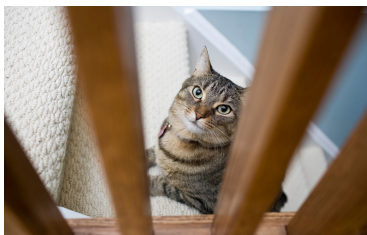
gradually allow it access to the rest of the house. Start by opening the door to the safe space and allowing your cat to explore on its own terms.

3. Use familiar scents: Bring items from your cat's old home, such as a blanket or toy, to the new house. This will help your cat feel more comfortable and at home in its new surroundings.

4. Give extra attention and love: Your cat may be feeling anxious or stressed during this transition, so it's important to give it extra attention and love. Spend time playing with your cat, grooming it, and cuddling with it to help it feel more at ease.

5. Be patient: Acclimating a cat to a new house can take time, so be patient with your feline friend. It may take a few days or even a few weeks for your cat to fully adjust, so don't get discouraged if your cat seems hesitant at first.

Pro Tip: Consider keeping multiple litter boxes for the first few weeks. This can help prevent marking and accidents.



Remember, cats are creatures of habit, and moving to a new house can be a big change for them. By following these tips and providing plenty of love and patience, you can help your cat feel more comfortable and happy in its new home.

HOME FEATURES FOR YOUR CAT



Cats are independent creatures and have different needs than dogs, so when designing or choosing a home for a cat, there are a few features to keep in mind:

- 1. Vertical space:** Cats love to climb and explore, so providing vertical space such as cat trees, shelves, and perches can give them a sense of security and a place to rest.
- 2. Scratching posts:** Cats have a natural instinct to scratch, so providing them with scratching posts can help keep their claws healthy and prevent them from damaging your furniture.

3. Hidden spaces: Cats like to hide, so providing them with hidden spaces such as boxes or cubbies can give them a sense of security and privacy.

4. Windows: Cats enjoy watching the world go by, so placing a perch or bed near a window with a view can provide them with entertainment and stimulation.

5. Litter box: Consider the location of the litter box and make sure it is easy to access and clean.

6. Treadmills and interactive toys: To provide stimulation and exercise for indoor cats, treadmills and interactive toys are a good options for keeping cats active and healthy.

7. Temperature control: Cats are more sensitive to temperature changes, especially older cats, so make sure to have a comfortable place with warmth in cold months and proper ventilation in hot months.

8. Escape routes: Cats are also known to be escape artists, so it's a good idea to make sure all windows and doors are secured and that your cat has a collar with ID tags in case they get out.



By considering these and other factors, you can help ensure that your home is comfortable and accommodating for your feline companion. It's important to note that every cat is different, and that some cats may have more specific needs based on their personality, age, and health.

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