

# we're not *kitten* around!

## *tips and tricks for acclimating your new kitty!*

Congratulations on adopting your new cat! When your cat first arrives you'll want your home to be as **calm and peaceful** as possible. Bringing home a new friend is very exciting, but remember to keep your and your family members' voices down so as to not scare your new cat. Follow these steps to make your new cat's transition as stress-free as possible.

- Release the cat in its safe haven. Allow the cat to come out of its carrier at its own pace – never reach in or force a cat to leave its carrier.
- Speak softly to the cat and offer treats when they have come out of their carrier. If possible, sit on the floor while doing this.
- Once your new cat seems comfortable with you, you can offer your hand in a loosely closed fist for the cat to sniff. If the cat approaches, you can continue to softly talk and pet the cat, starting at the top of their head..

## *Have questions about your cat?*

The feline behavior team at IndyHumane has put together a comprehensive guide to all things cat! This include tips and tricks for things such as:

- acclimating your new cat to your home
- introducing your new cat to your current cat and/or dog
- steps for a slow introduction/safe haven
- common easy fixes for litter box misuse issues/how to prevent litter box issues arising in your home
- inappropriate scratching tips/how to trim claws
- information on common diseases and illnesses, and how to recognize them
- tips on disinfecting and removing pet odors and stains

## *Need further assistance?*

IndyHumane staff is here to assist with any questions about your newly adopted cat!

Staff can be reached via email at:

For **medical** questions or concerns: [medical@indyhumane.org](mailto:medical@indyhumane.org)

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