PETSMART Charities

NEW CAT Checklist

HELPING YOUR ADOPTED CAT FEEL AT HOME

Bringing home an adopted cat is a big moment.
This checklist focuses on the essentials that help cats feel safe, comfortable, and confident as they settle into **THEIR NEW SPACE**.

Home Sweet Home

- ○ Cozy bed or soft resting spot
- ○ Litter box (plus litter and scoop)
- ○ Quiet hiding spots (boxes, covered beds, or tucked-away spaces)
- ○ Scratching post or pad

On the Go

- ○ Secure carrier for travel and vet visits
- ○ Breakaway collar with ID tag (if appropriate)
- ○ Microchip registration or updated contact info

Mealtime

- ○ Food appropriate for your cat's age and needs
- ○ Food & water bowls (or fountain for extra hydration)
- ○ Food storage container
- ○ Optional wet food or toppers

Health & Wellness

- ○ Schedule a veterinary check-up
- ○ Grooming essentials (brush, nail trimmer)
- ○ Dental care basics
- ○ Flea and parasite prevention (as recommended by your veterinarian)
- ○ Enrichment items to keep their mind active

Play & Build Trust

- ○ Toys for play and stimulation (wand toys, balls, etc.)
- ○ Interactive toys for solo play
- ○ Treats for bonding and positive reinforcement
- ○ Scratch-safe furniture protection or deterrent (optional, but helpful)

