

Cat Supply Checklist

Are you prepared to bring your new family addition home? Good Mews has compiled a checklist of all the items you will need to help make the introduction of your new cat a success!

- Scoopable, clumping litter (unscented may be preferred by your cat)
- Litter box (at least 1 for each cat in your household) and litter scoop
- Cat food: Our kittens are fed Science Diet Kitten dry food; adults are fed Science Diet Adult Optimal Care. Both kittens and cats are fed Science Diet Adult canned food. Some cats may prefer dry food or canned food, but we recommend offering both.
- Scratching post or cat tree with scratching surfaces (cats may have a preference; many like sisal covered posts). A post should be tall enough for your cat to stretch up on and not wobble when rubbed against. Many cats, especially kittens, also enjoy horizontal cardboard scratchers.
- Grooming supplies: Brush or comb and cat nail clippers for trimming claws
- Carrier (hard sided preferred)
- Toys (interactive toys like feathers and laser lights, and other toys like balls and furry mice)
- Cat bed (or other bedding that your cat may like)
- Break-away collar with ID Tag (you can make one of these at most pet supply stores)

Good Mews does NOT recommend the following items, as they can lead to behavioral/health problems:

- Litter boxes with hoods
- Litter box plastic liners
- Plastic food and water bowls
- Collars without a break-away safety latch

Your Newly Adopted Cat

Cats can be very sensitive to changes in their lives. Even a positive change, like going to a new home, can sometimes cause a cat to become a little stressed. Just like people, stress can lower the immune system, making your new feline friend more susceptible to coming down with an upper respiratory infection (a cat cold). If you notice your new cat isn't his energetic self, isn't eating well, is sneezing or sounds congested, make an appointment with your vet and get him checked out. Your vet may prescribe some medicine to help your cat get over his cold and back to his active self.

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