

Peaceful Cat Introductions



Prepare Separate Safe Spaces

Before bringing your new cat home, set up a separate area for the newcomer with food, water and a litter box. Allow a few days for the new pet to settle without direct contact.



Exchange Scents

Swap bedding, toys, or gently rub a soft cloth on each pet's cheeks and place it near the other's area. Reward calm curiosity with treats or praise.



Visual Introductions

Once comfortable with each other's scent, allow brief visual contact through a barrier. Keep sessions short and positive with treats, play, or meals, and calmly end the session if either shows fear or aggression.



Supervised Meetings

Once both pets remain relaxed during visual sessions, allow brief calm meetings. Allow them to move freely with a high perch available.



Increase Freedom

Over several sessions, allow your cats to approach or retreat at their own pace, gradually giving them more freedom when they remain calm.

Tips

To prevent problems, you will want one litter box per cat, plus an extra.

It's ideal to have multiple high perches and hiding spots.

It is common for cats to communicate their displeasure with a new pet by hissing. You can slow the introduction process down if necessary.

It can take older cats a while to adapt to a new companion. Let them lead the pace.