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Introducing a cat to a dog home

Are you thinking of expanding your family by introducing a cat to the house? It's always an exciting experience to get a new family member but it can also be intimidating for both the humans and the animals. This is especially true if you are a dog owner and plan to be a dog and cat owner.

No matter what the stereotype claims, cats and dogs can become good friends. It will, of course, depend on the personalities of the animals but there are many a dog and cat family where everybody gets along. Read on to hear how to introduce a cat to a dog home.

Step 1: prepare your home

Everyone knows that cats are naturally inclined to be afraid of dogs. However, just because this is the stereotype, doesn't mean it needs to be the reality in your home. There are a few things that can be done that make it easier for the cat to feel more at home in the house.

The first step that ought to be taken is the preparation of the home. Create a room for the cat that can serve as the springboard into your home. This room should be somewhere away from the dogs where the cat can be in peace and quiet while s/he curiously takes in all the smells of the home. This is a great place to start out placing the litter box and food and water dishes.

Be patient with the cat and give them lots of time to adjust to this room before introducing them to anything else in the home. Make sure that your new feline eats separately from the dogs. This ensures that your little one doesn't begin to associate anxiety or stress with mealtimes. A calm and peaceful sanctuary in the home will also ensure a healthier immune system, sleeping habits and generally easier transition period.

Step 2: prepare the dogs

It is equally as important to prepare the dogs for the newcomer. If your dogs are young, it is incredibly important to ensure that you can control their energy levels when the cat arrives. If you suspect that it will be challenging to create a peaceful environment when introducing the cat, then it is important to strategize how to manipulate the variables to minimize possible anxiety between this interaction. You never get a second first impression.

Try playing with the dogs just before the cat arrives. This can help burn off energy so your four-legged friends are a little more tired and relaxed before they spot a nervous new family member. Taking the dogs on a walk or to the dog park beforehand can make a world of difference. If a walk is not possible, playing with the dogs out in the yard or in the house can also make the difference. – [link](#) – can help relieve excess energy before riled up dogs meet their new feline friends.

The Cat Arrives

No matter the cats background or age, there is bound to be a level of anxiety bring any animal into a new home. To minimize this, start by introducing the cat to the safe-space room you have already prepared. When they become curious enough to find their own way forward, make sure there is something the cat can climb onto so that they can escape from the dogs when they do meet.

Next, collar and leash the dogs and slowly introduce them to the cat one at a time. From this point forward, it will be up to you to sense when it is appropriate for the dogs and cat to be in more contact with each other. A rule of thumb is to take your time, be patient and respect the cat's anxiety level. Be ready to separate the animals when it becomes too much for the cat.

Like humans, it is important to learn to read your cats body language and sense what they need. If you respect their boundaries, your new feline friend is bound to feel at home in no time.

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