

Turn your cat carrier into a "Home Away From Home"



Train your kitten early on

Training your kitten to become familiar with the carrier at an early age will make it easier to take them to routine visits throughout their life.



Integrate the carrier into your home

Leave the carrier in a room where your cat spends time. This will create less stress when your cat has to enter the carrier.



Place treats, catnip, or toys in the carrier

This will encourage your cat to enter the carrier at home. Often, you will first see that treats are removed from the carrier during the night.



Consider using a synthetic pheromone (Feliway)

Consider using Feliway® wipes or analog spray in the carrier to minimize anxiety associated with the carrier.



Place familiar soft towels or bedding in the carrier

Use familiar bedding or clothing with your scent, as it retains the smell of home and helps with reintroduction.



Be patient

Do not chase your cat into the carrier. It may take days or weeks before your cat starts to trust the carrier. Remain calm, patient, and reward desired behaviors.