

Bringing Home Your New Cat

First Day:

- Bring your new cat directly to their sanctuary room.
- While they are in the sanctuary room, don't force them to come to you. Sit on the floor and let them approach you first. Let them get acquainted to their new environment on their own time. If they don't approach right away, leave them alone and try again later. Give them time.
- Your newly adopted cat may not eat much or at all at first. Be sure to change their water frequently and make sure they are drinking. If your cat hasn't eaten in a few days, call the shelter or your vet.
- On their first day, do not introduce them to other animals or people outside of your household.

Following Weeks:

- It may take your cat a week or two to adjust. Be patient.
- Within 10 days of being adopted, take your new cat for a free wellness exam at one of the participating vet clinics. Be sure to take all of the medical records you received from EBHS with you to your appointment. It is also a good idea to take a stool sample along as well.
- As your cat adjusts, they will show signs that they want to explore outside of their sanctuary room. Make sure other pets and family members don't startle them while they gradually expand their territory.
- Think about places in your house that your cat can potentially climb or hide under. Once your cat gets acclimated to your home, they might find hiding spots on top of the refrigerator or kitchen cabinets. Make sure there's nothing up high that can be damaged or knocked off. Make sure to cover holes or registers so ductwork isn't accessible because a kitten can easily slip into one of these spaces.
- Remember that patience is key.

Congratulations! If you follow these tips, you'll be on your way to having a well-adjusted feline family member. Please remember that if you have any questions about your new companion, please call Elmbrook Humane Society at 262- 782-9261.

