New Home.
New Family.
New Beginning.



Welcoming a shelter pet into your family?
A little preparation can help make the transition a happy one for everyone.

BRINGING HOME
A New Dog?

1. **Give them time to settle in.**
   Let your new dog explore their home and get comfortable with their new surroundings.
2. **Make introductions slowly.**
   Have dogs meet on neutral territory when possible. Start at a distance, keep them leashed and supervised, and gradually move closer.
3. **Watch their body language.**
   A tucked tail, bared teeth or a hunched posture can signal fear or aggression. If you notice these signs, slow down and give your pets more space.
4. **Reward the good moments.**
   Offer treats for calm, relaxed behavior. Be patient and take breaks when needed.

BRINGING HOME
A New Cat?

1. **Start with a safe space.**
   Set up a separate room with food, water, a litter box, toys, hiding places and bedding.
2. **Introduce other cats gradually.**
   Let cats see each other from a distance with a barrier between them. Give treats to create a positive experience and separate them if either becomes stressed.
3. **Let them get familiar with each other's scent.**
   Offer each cat a small blanket or towel that smells like the other before closer introductions.
4. **Move at their pace.**
   Once your cats are comfortable, allow short, supervised interactions. Give your new cat time to explore the home on their own, too.

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