

INFORMATION FOR ADOPTERS



You are about to adopt a cat! We would like to share some information with you to make both your lives a little bit easier.

Cats are a long-term commitment and can live for up to 20 years. Before you adopt a cat you need to consider the nature of this commitment and understand that it is extremely difficult to re-home cats once they are adults. If there is a chance that you may move to another country, be aware that this can be an expensive and complicated process depending on the specific regulations of the target country.

Finally, make sure that you can support the needs of the cat, including unexpected vet bills and cat sitters during holidays.

Preparation

- Make sure that that your house is cat-safe - fence/mesh dangerous windows/balconies/doors
- Prepare the basics before your cat's arrival:
 - Food
 - Bowls for water and food - preferably stainless steel or ceramic
 - Litter box
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 - Some toys and scratching tools
 - Comfortable bed - cats love boxes and usually a cardboard box with a towel is perfect

A change of environment can be a scary so your cat may be anxious at first in their new home. Some cats like to cuddle and be comforted whilst others will need a bit more time and space.

Food

Nutrition is one of the most important aspects of your cat's health. They are obligate carnivores, meaning that they rely on nutrients found only in animal products. Their diet is based on high amounts of protein, moderate amounts of fat and minimal amounts of carbohydrates. They also require other nutrients such as vitamins, minerals and fatty acids. These nutritional requirements - like their daily calorie intake - will vary depending on their age.

As their nutritional requirements are complex, it is essential to give them a complete and balanced diet.

When choosing your cat food is also important to keep in mind the following:

- Most cat food brands (especially dry foods) contain added grain and sugar, making it cheaper but also healthier
- Not all canned/wet foods are nutritionally complete; many of them are designed as supplements to other diets.
- If feeding your cat raw food, don't base their diet on meat designed for human consumption, as these cuts don't contain all of their required nutrients but choose a product especially for cats (Fidelis Meats or equal)



Avoid buying products with these ingredients:

- Artificial colourants and flavours, including Blue 2, Red 40, Yellow 5, or caramel colouring
- Artificial or synthetic preservatives, including BHA, BHT, and ethoxyquin
- Grains such as corn, wheat, soya or rice
- Sugar
- Non-descriptive labels
- Rendered fat
- Carrageenan
- Vitamin 3K
- Sodium Nitrate
- Sodium Nitrite

Once you have ensured that a food is complete, balanced and grain free, choosing between brands may be a matter of what your cat prefers. Choose the ones that work best for your cat. Keep in mind that your cat also needs access to fresh clean water at all times.

Here are some brands we recommend:

Raw	Freeze dried	Wet - complete	Wet - Supplementary	Kibble (dry food)
Fidelis Meats	Northwest	Addiction	Schesir	Arcana
Raw Instinct	Naturals	Little Big Paw	Applaws	Orijen
Big Dog BARF	Stella and	Wellness	Kit Cat	Pro Nature
Claws & Effect	Chewies	Instinct		
	Primal			
	K9			

We encourage our adopters to buy their cat products in shops where stray animals are supported rather than the breeding industry.

Most of those brands, as well as other items like toys, litter, etc. are found with Polypet - a very reliable and friendly online shop.

Fidelis Meats is a very good option for raw food. It's a local Singaporean company, with a very friendly team, always willing to help. Their frozen pre-packed patties contain everything a cat needs and are very easy to serve.

Environment

Cats are territorial animals so it's important to have a least one room per pet in your house. They are also curious and, usually, active creatures, so give them enough space to roam around. If there is not much floor space you can expand their territory by going vertical (shelves, access to the top of cupboards, high climbing posts etc.). Get some scratching tools; it will help to protect your furniture.

We don't recommend the use of plastic bowls to feed your cats, as it is unhealthy for them and also not eco-friendly. Discount shops, like Daiso, or other household shops offer nice ranges of stainless steel and ceramic bowls at better prices than most pet shops.



Cats are clean animals, capable of grooming themselves, and usually hate water, so don't shower them unless necessary. We also think it's unnecessary to dress up cats in clothes, aside from being uncomfortable for them. Let them be as natural as possible.

General treatment

Cats have very different personalities. Some like to cuddle and be picked up; others don't. While it is good to get any cat to the stage where they are comfortable being handled, never force a cat to be held or petted if they are uncomfortable or don't like it. Also, never strike a cat or punish it (hitting/yelling) for 'bad' behaviour (scratching, meowing). This could cause the cat to lose trust in you and damage your relationship. Use positive reinforcement instead and offer alternatives.

As for feeding times, you set the rules so don't let your cat 'convince' you that it needs to eat whenever it asks for it.

Vet and health care

It is crucial to see a vet if your cat is sick as well as for continuing vaccinations, etc.

- Core vaccinations: Kittens get their first shot when they are around 6-8 weeks old. They need to get 2-3 shots at monthly intervals, as well as a booster shot after 1-3 years, subject to your vets recommendation.
- All of our kittens are treated against worms and, if necessary, fleas/mites. Please continue with all treatments as instructed by the fosterer.
- Sterilization: It is mandatory to sterilize your cats once they reach the appropriate age of around 5-6 months old. If you have a male and a female and the girl is on heat before that age, please contact us or visit Oasis vet or Vets for Life as they may be able to sterilize the cat before she is 6 month old.
- Microchipping: As regulations are becoming stricter in Singapore, it is very important to microchip and register your cat. Microchipping is usually performed in conjunction with sterilization and then afterwards you should register it with AVS.



Adoption fee

Project LUNI bears massive costs to keep and make countless street cats in Singapore happy and healthy. Our team feeds +400 sterilised street cats daily in a responsible way, we organise TNR (trap-neuter-return) and provide medical care for street cats as well as we foster, socialise and rehome lots and lots of kittens and cats. All our kittens and cats are vet checked,

dewormed and vaccinated, if necessary we treat them against fleas, mites and every illness occurring.

Therefore we need to ask you for a donation/adoption fee of your own choice. In average fostering a kitten costs us 100 - 150 SGD for food, litter, toys, vet check, vaccination, deworming, etc.

Thank you very much for your kind support!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.