DO’S AND DON’T’S FOR THE FIRST WEEK AFTER ADOPTION

*Did you know that the average house cat can survive anywhere between 13 and 17 years? You have quite the journey ahead! Here are some tips to help you get through the first week after you bring your new friend home.*

DO: DON’T:

| **>**Introduce your cat to other pets gradually. See our information sheet all about pet-to-pet introductions  **>**Provide your new cat with encouragement and praise. Spend lots of one-on-one time with them to ensure that they feel welcomed. If they seem to be nervous or uneasy about their surroundings, you can try purchasing a feliway diffuser plug-in which will release helpful pheromones that alleviate anxiety.  **>**Immediately use their name. When you speak to them, make sure to continually address them as whatever name you will identify them as, letting them get used to hearing this (cats learn their names too, just like dogs!)  **>**Be patient. Every cat is different and they will adjust at their own pace  **>**Keep an eye out for our text/email! Once a week has passed, you should receive contact from an Edgar and Ivy’s representative who will be checking in to make sure your new friend is settling in well. | **>**Be afraid to ask questions. We are here to help and someone checks our email daily! edgarandivy@gmail.com  **>**Get discouraged by minor setbacks. It’ll take longer than a week for your new cat to fully feel at home, so don’t worry if they take a little longer to adjust  **>**Introduce your other pets abruptly. Making big and sudden changes to your new cats’ environment decreases the likelihood that they will feel safe. If the move in process is traumatic to your cat, it could lead to long term behavioral issues that are difficult to undo |
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