

Steps You Can Take To Introduce a New Cat

1. Enhance the environment
 - a. See “Enhancing Your Indoor Cat’s Environment”
2. Isolate the new cat in a room with food, water and a litter box.
3. Exchange blankets so the cats get used to each other’s smell.
4. Call the resident cat to the door of the isolation room for a special treat, to try to build a positive association (i.e. new cat= special treat)
5. Isolate the resident cat and let the new cat out to explore the house. Then isolate the new cat again.
6. Let the two cats out together for a special treat. Then isolate the new cat again.
7. Behavior of the cats will dictate how long this process takes.

A new cat can introduce

- An upper respiratory infection
- FeLV and/or FIV
- Intestinal parasites
- External parasites
- Ringworm