

# Room-by-Room Cat Home Prep Checklist

*Make your space safe, cozy, and cat-ready before adoption day.*

## Safe Room Setup (Your Cat's Initial Landing Zone)

- ☐ Choose a small, quiet room with a closing door
- ☐ Place a litter box in a low-traffic, far corner
- ☐ Set up food and water dishes away from the litter box
- ☐ Add a soft bed, blanket, or towel for comfort
- ☐ Provide at least one safe hiding spot (like a box or covered bed)
- ☐ Include toys: one interactive (wand), one solo (ball or kicker)
- ☐ Add a scratching surface (vertical or horizontal)
- ☐ Keep lights dimmed and sound low for the first few days
- ☐ Plug in a calming pheromone diffuser (optional but recommended)

## Living Room

- ☐ Remove or secure small breakables from shelves and mantels
- ☐ Wrap and hide loose cords (TV, lamps, electronics)
- ☐ Store small objects like hair ties, coins, or string in drawers
- ☐ Move toxic houseplants out of reach or replace with safe ones
- ☐ Ensure windows have secure screens
- ☐ Provide vertical space: cat trees, shelves, or window perches
- ☐ Create at least one safe hiding nook (under a couch, inside a tent bed)
- ☐ Consider a scratching post near furniture to redirect clawing

## Kitchen

- ☐ Store cleaning supplies, soaps, and chemicals in closed cabinets
- ☐ Cover or secure trash and compost bins with tight lids
- ☐ Keep food (especially chocolate, onions, grapes, etc.) out of reach
- ☐ Ensure all cookware and sharp utensils are cleaned and stored
- ☐ Never leave hot stoves or open ovens unattended

## Bathroom

- ☐ Put away medications, toothpaste, and razors

- ☐ Close toilet lids to prevent drinking or falling in
- ☐ Secure cupboards that store household cleaners
- ☐ Remove or secure dangling cords from blinds
- ☐ Double-check for stray hairbands or dental floss (swallowing risk)

## Bedroom

- ☐ Remove or secure small items like jewelry, rubber bands, earbuds
- ☐ Store human medications in a drawer or cabinet
- ☐ Secure blind cords and curtain ties
- ☐ Keep water glasses, lotions, and cosmetics out of reach
- ☐ If using essential oils or diffusers, ensure they're cat-safe (many are not)

## Windows, Doors & Outdoor Access

- ☐ Ensure screens on windows are intact and secure
- ☐ Double-check balcony railings and access points (block off gaps)
- ☐ If letting your cat outdoors (once adjusted), prep a secure catio or leash-training plan
- ☐ Never leave doors or windows open unsupervised during early acclimation

## General Environment & Emotional Safety

- ☐ Keep noise and visitor activity minimal for the first few days
- ☐ Have a calming playlist or white noise available if needed
- ☐ Let your cat explore at their own pace
- ☐ Avoid introducing other pets too soon
- ☐ Establish a daily feeding, cleaning, and play routine right away