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New Pet Checklist

PetNoter

Everything to get ready before your new dog or cat comes home.

1 Food & water

- [ ] Food and water bowls
- [ ] The food they eat now (change slowly over 7 to 10 days)
- [ ] Small training treats
- [ ] Food storage container

2 Sleep & comfort

- [ ] Bed or soft blanket
- [ ] Crate or carrier
- [ ] A quiet, safe corner
- [ ] Something that smells of their old home

3 Walks & ID

- [ ] Collar or harness
- [ ] ID tag with your phone number
- [ ] Leash
- [ ] Microchip registered to you
- [ ] Poop bags

4 Cat extras

- [ ] Litter box (one per cat, plus one)
- [ ] Unscented litter and scoop
- [ ] Scratching post
- [ ] Cat tree or window perch

5 Play & grooming

- [ ] Chew toys and play toys
- [ ] Puzzle feeder
- [ ] Brush or comb
- [ ] Nail clippers
- [ ] Pet shampoo and towels
- [ ] Enzyme cleaner for accidents

6 Health

- [ ] Book a vet check in week one
- [ ] Get vaccine and worming records
- [ ] Ask about flea, tick and worm prevention
- [ ] Save your vet and nearest 24-hour vet
- [ ] Look into pet insurance

7 Pet-proof your home

- [ ] Hide or cover cables and cords
- [ ] Lock away cleaners and medicines
- [ ] Remove toxic plants (lilies are very dangerous to cats)
- [ ] Use a gate for stairs or no-go rooms
- [ ] Use bins with lids
- [ ] Check fences, windows and balconies

Day one

Arrival date _____ First vet visit _____ Pet's name _____

Tip: Add your new pet to the PetNoter app and share their records with the whole family from day one.