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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.

General information only. Your vet knows your pet best, so always follow their advice.