

# lancing Your New Cat Checklist

#### Cat Food

- We feed Fancy Feast chicken canned food to most cats
- Switch to your personal wet food brand and protein choice by slowly introducing it over a week to ten days
- · Some cats have texture preferences
- Dry food makes a great treat and can be used in food puzzles. We often feed Kirkland Chicken and Rice

#### Food & Water Supplies

- Buy a few bowls for an easy cleaning routine.
- · Avoid free feeding.
- Place several water bowls around the house to encourage hydration.
- · Water fountains can be great!

#### **Treats**

- Treats can go a long way toward making friends with your new cat or reinforcing behaviors we want repeated
- Many cats love cat grass and catnip (fresh or dried).
- Many cats love Inaba Churu treats.
  These are great for bonding

# Cat Tree

- · Most cats enjoy climbing or perching.
- Cats often use a safe spot off the ground to observe their surroundings
- Ideally, place the tree by a screened window so your cat can look outside

## Bed

- Using a blanket, towels, cardboard boxes, or store bought cat beds and cubbies, make cozy and inviting places for your new family member to relax
- A socially significant place such as next to a desk, the food of your bed, or on the couch are examples of spots your cat may like to be and feel safe.

## **Toys**

- Discover your cat's favorite ways to play by trying a variety of toys.
- For example: wands, plush kickers, catnip, balls, ripple rug, automated toys

## Grooming

 Buy a flea comb and hair brush. Your cat may have bristle texture preferences.

## Scratching Post

- Should be sturdy, with platforms bigger than your cat
- Some cats prefer vertical posts, others prefer horizontal pads
- The Infinity Scratcher is very popular

#### Litter Box

- Choose a large open top/uncovered box
- · High sides can be useful
- Scoop daily or many times per day
- Place along a wall and away from doors
- · Cats love their litter boxes!
- Whenever possible, It's great to have 2 litter boxes for 1 cat, 3 litter boxes for 2 cats, and 4 litter boxes for 3 cats, etc.

#### Cat Litter

- We most often use World's Best litter, or pine pellets
- Please buy unscented litter
- Any clumping litter, plant or even clay based, is OK
- To change litter in the future, add a second litter box next to the first, to check your cat's preferences

## Jackson Galaxy

- Author of books like Total Cat Mojo and Catification
- Content on YouTube and Instagram promotes understanding cat behavior and making homes cat friendly

Schedule a Vet Appointment/Checkup within 30 days of Adoption