

Resources checklist for a cat friendly home

Basic resources

Food

- Feed several small meals a day
- Food bowl separated from the water bowl

puzzle feeders are great for overweight or bored cats

Litter tray

- Placed in a quiet, well ventilated and accessible area
- Cleaned and scooped daily, washed weekly
- Unscented, clumping litter preferred
- Consider size and type of tray to fit cats needs and ability (arthritis cat - low sides and wide base. Covered Vs uncovered etc.)

Water bowl

- Clean water regularly renewed, away from the feeding area
- Water fountains are available to encourage reluctant cats to drink



Feliway

- Provide **Feliway**® to mark areas and new objects as safe and secure
- Use **Feliway**® to give added support during challenging events (moving house, redecoration etc)



Structural features

Climbing opportunities: shelves, cat trees...

Scratching post:

- Near entry and exit points and/or next to resting/sleeping areas
- Vertical grooves are preferred (high enough to fully stretch)

Resting area: provide several throughout the home

Hiding places: boxes, baskets, cupboards with door left open

Outdoor access: free and easy access to outside. Consider microchip cat flaps (to keep neighbouring cats out)



Activity & stimulation

Toys: regularly rotated to provide novelty

Radio or television: put on when the cat is home alone



Multi-cat needs



- Feed in private (separate rooms/floors in multicat homes)
- Multiple resources (food and water bowls, litter boxes) distributed in different locations to avoid competition for access
- Enough climbing, hiding & resting areas for all cats
- Facial pheromones (**Feliway**® Diffuser) to decrease overall tension and help cohabitation