

INTRODUCING A NEW CAT *or Kitten* TO RESIDENT PETS

♥ GO SLOW = BETTER SUCCESS ♥

1 DAY 1-3



SEPARATE ROOM ONLY

- ✓ Food, water, litter box, bed
- ✓ Let them decompress
- ✗ No face-to-face introductions



2 DAY 3-7



SCENT SWAPPING

- ✓ Exchange blankets and bedding
- ✓ Swap rooms briefly if possible
- ✓ Feed treats near opposite sides of the door



3 WEEK 1-2



VISUAL INTRODUCTIONS

- ✓ Baby gate, screen door, or cracked door
- ✓ Short, positive sessions
- ✓ End before anyone becomes stressed



4 WEEK 2+



SUPERVISED VISITS

- ✓ Plenty of treats and playtime
- ✓ Multiple escape routes and hiding spots
- ✓ Increase time together gradually



NORMAL BEHAVIORS

- 🐾 Hissing
- 🐾 Hiding
- 🐾 Growling
- 🐾 Watching from a distance
- 🐾 Avoiding each other

These do **NOT** automatically mean the introduction is failing.



SLOW DOWN IF YOU SEE

- 🐾 Chasing
- 🐾 Blocking food, litter, or doorways
- 🐾 Stalking
- 🐾 Persistent fear or stress
- 🐾 Fighting



REMEMBER THE 3-3-3 RULE



DAYS to Decompress



WEEKS to Learn the Routine



MONTHS to Feel at Home



THE BIGGEST MISTAKE? RUSHING INTRODUCTIONS.
Most cats need time—not force. 🐾



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