

LONGMONT HUMANE SOCIETY'S CAT ADOPTION INFORMATION

Congratulations on your adoption! Thank you for making the compassionate choice to adopt your cat from the Longmont Humane Society.

This adoption is a turning point in your new cat's life! Whatever stories she could tell you about her past (and they might be quite eye-opening!), the best one begins today as she goes home with you! While she was our guest in the shelter, we did everything we could to keep her happy and healthy. Now it's up to you, but we want to send you off with some tips we have found to be helpful to families with new feline members.

- Start your new cat in one room for the first week or so. Unless you have a quiet household or live in a very small space, she is likely to be overwhelmed at first. When you see that she is comfortable and confident there (and consistently using her litter box), you can begin letting her out to explore the house or apartment. Let her explore her new environment without the interruption of other animals or small children so that she can become familiar with her new environment without fear or interference.
- It is recommended you make an appointment with your veterinarian for your cat's wellness exam within the first few weeks. Take along your copies of the adoption contract and medical history report to give the veterinarian the dates of the vaccinations that your cat received at the shelter.
- Read the information in the following pages regarding health care and vaccinations, nail clipping, upper respiratory infections, introducing the new cat to other pets, and ensuring good litter box habits.
- Make sure you have all necessary equipment and supplies! You undoubtedly already have food, dishes, and a litter box. You will also need plenty of **un-scented** litter, toys (interactive ones, like the "Cat Dancer," and balls or stuffed toys to play with on her own), a sturdy scratching post, brush, comb, nail clippers, and a safety collar and ID tag.
- Plan to continue feeding her a measured, daily amount of high-quality food, such as the brand we have been using at the shelter. It will save you money in the long run by enhancing her health and well-being.
- Most importantly, if you experience any behavior problems with your new cat, contact your veterinarian or call us for FREE behavior follow up. The number is 303-772-1232 x229. Professional help can solve problems most easily and economically in the early stages before complications occur or behavior becomes habitual.

We will always do our best to answer your questions and address your concerns!