

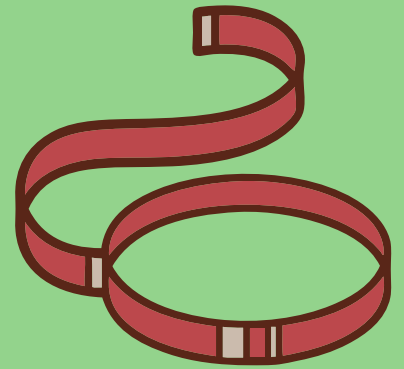
INTRODUCING DOGS TO CATS

Tips for your new friends!

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MAINTAIN CONTROL

Even if you think things are going to go well, keep a leash attached to your dog just in case of emergencies.



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TAKE IT SLOW

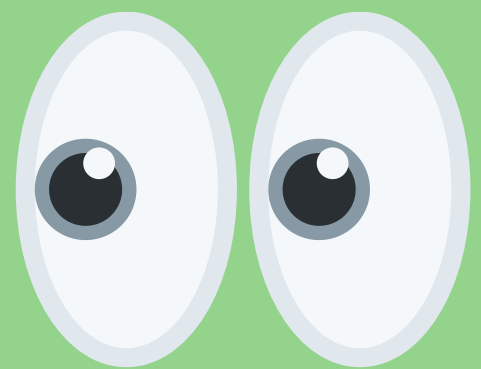
At first, only allow your dog to observe the cat, not approach. If the cat approaches on their own, you may allow a brief interaction. Distract the dog with a treat to allow the cat to investigate!



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OBSERVE

Watch the body language of both animals. A cat that is hissing with their ears pinned is going to need slower introductions. A dog that is too focused on the cat could indicate a bad match.



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SPREAD IT OUT

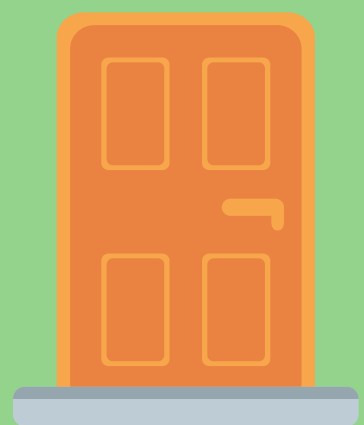
Short interactions over multiple days can help both animals feel more comfortable. A rushed introduction may give undesired results.



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KEEP 'EM SEPARATED

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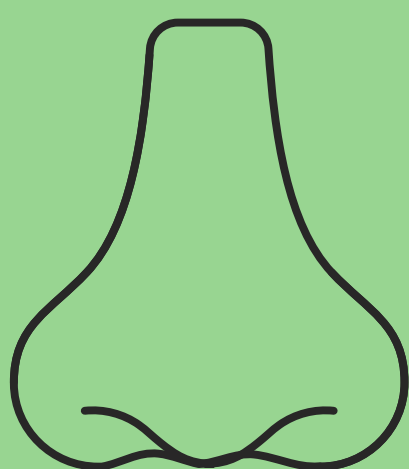


DOG/DOG, CAT/CAT INTRODUCTIONS

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KEEP THINGS CALM

While the animals may be the ones meeting, it is important that you remain calm! If you're anxious, they're anxious.



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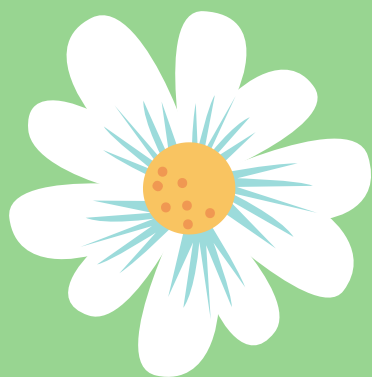
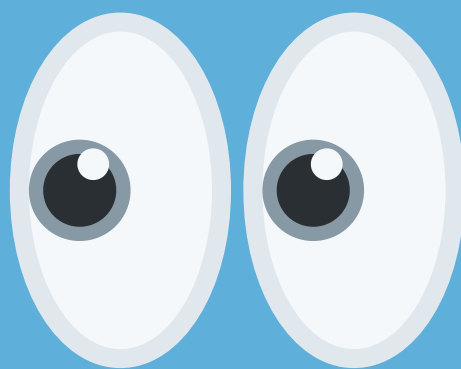
SNELLS FIRST

For cats especially, being introduced to their new friend's smell can help their face-to-face meet go smoother. Let them sniff each other under a door, or give the new cat your cat's favorite bed.

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OBSERVE

Watch the body language of all animals involved. A stiff body means the animal is uncomfortable, and you may want to go back a few steps in your introduction process.



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NEUTRAL GROUND

A neutral space with no high-value items (such as toys, food, etc.) will be the best place for a successful introduction.

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