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Choosing the right carrier for you and your kitty

Choosing the right cat carrier for you and your pet is important to help make vet visits and travel as easy and stress free as possible. With the right carrier and a little bit of patience, you can easily train your cat to enjoy her cat box!

The ideal cat carrier should...

- ✓ Have a solid, stable base, so your kitty feels secure
- ✓ Have multiple openings, so your kitty has choice to exit the carrier in the most comfortable way possible. If choosing a carrier with solid sides, ideally select a carrier that can have the top completely removed – this allows your kitty to be examined in the comfort of her own carrier base.
- ✓ Be large enough to allow your kitty to turn around comfortably, but not be so large that she gets jostled around during transport. Cats often prefer small secure hidey-holes over large spacious crates!

Top trips for training your kitty to love her carrier:

- ✓ Have the carrier out at all times in a comfortable room such as a guest room or the living room. Let it be a normal part of your kitty's environment. Don't just bring the carrier out when you bring your kitty to the vet, or you may find that you have trouble catching your kitty!
- ✓ Leave the door to the carrier open, so your kitty can explore the crate as she chooses. Try and make it as inviting as possible, by having familiar smelling and cosy blankets in the base of the carrier, and even hiding treats in the carrier so she learns the carrier brings good things.
- ✓ *Feliway* spray is another great way to help your kitty relax during travelling – please ask one of our friendly staff if you've not heard of this. We LOVE helping our kitty patients to be less stressed when travelling!

Transporting your kitty doesn't have to be stressful – for either of you!



- ✓ When carrying the carrier, carry it with two hands from under the base rather than by the handle. This will help your kitty feel nice and secure, and will avoid the crate swinging from side to side as you walk.
- ✓ In the car, sit the carrier on the floor. Again, this makes the trip more stable, and is often more protected from sights that might worry your cat during your trip.
- ✓ Always travel with the car as quiet as possible. Unfortunately your kitty might not share your taste in loud