

Carrier Tips



Tips on getting your cat in a carrier and safely transporting them to the Veterinarian



- ▶ **Verify the carrier is functional and clean** — ensure there are no cracks or broken hinges. Use soap and water to clean the carrier instead of harsh cleaners that have a strong smell your cat may find upsetting.
- ▶ **Ensure the carrier is the right size for your cat** — it should be big enough they can stand, stretch and make a full turn comfortably.
- ▶ **Include a cozy blanket or towel** — it can keep your cat from sliding around during transport. A favorite toy may also be nice to include.
- ▶ **Try serving their meals in the carrier** — Having mealtime in the carrier may help them get used to walking in and sitting inside. When they climb in on their own offer them a treat and praise.
- ▶ **Work with your cat on getting in and out of the carrier without fear** — use toys, treats, catnip or other items to entice them to go in and out on their own.
- ▶ **If your cat needs help getting into the carrier, be gentle** — try scooping them up with a blanket wrapped around them and placing them softly into the carrier. We recommend using a carrier with both a top and front opening to make this process easier.
- ▶ **Be mindful when moving around with your cat in the carrier** — sharp movements can throw off a cat's equilibrium and make them ill or increase stress. Carry the carrier gently and with both arms, holding it from the bottom to avoid sharp movements or swinging.
- ▶ **Buckle up! Keep the carrier secured in the car**