# **Cat Adoption Process**

This playbook describes the advantages of adopting a cat from a shelter and outlines the key steps involved in the adoption process. It emphasizes the beneficial impact on the cat population and provides a guide for prospective adopters.

#### Step 1: Research

Explore different shelters and adoption centers in your area. Review their adoption policies, fees, and available cats. Check for any preadoption requirements.

#### Step 2: Visit

Go to the shelter to meet the cats. Spend time with each cat to observe their personality and how they interact with you and other animals.

#### Step 3: Inquire

Ask the shelter staff about the history, health, and behavior of the cats you're interested in. Gather information on their vaccinations, spaying/neutering, and any special needs.

#### Step 4: Application

Fill out the adoption application form. Provide necessary details such as your living situation, history with pets, and how you plan to care for the cat.

#### **Step 5: Home Preparation**

Prepare your home for the new cat. This includes setting up a litter box, food and water dishes, a comfortable resting area, and catproofing your home.

#### Step 6: Approval

Wait for the shelter to process your application. They may require a home visit or references to ensure a good fit for the cat.

#### Step 7: Finalize

Once approved, pay the adoption fee and sign any final paperwork. Schedule a time to bring your new cat home.

#### Step 8: Acclimate

Help your cat acclimate to its new environment. Be patient as it adjusts to new surroundings, schedules, and family members.

## **General Notes**

#### **Post-Adoption**

Consider scheduling a veterinary appointment for a general check-up after bringing your cat home. This ensures they are healthy and allows you to establish a relationship with a vet.

## **Supplies**

Make sure to have all necessary supplies before bringing the cat home. Essentials include food, a litter box, scratching posts, and toys.

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