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— QUICK GUIDE TO —

How to Prepare Your Home for a New Furry Addition



Welcoming a New Pet

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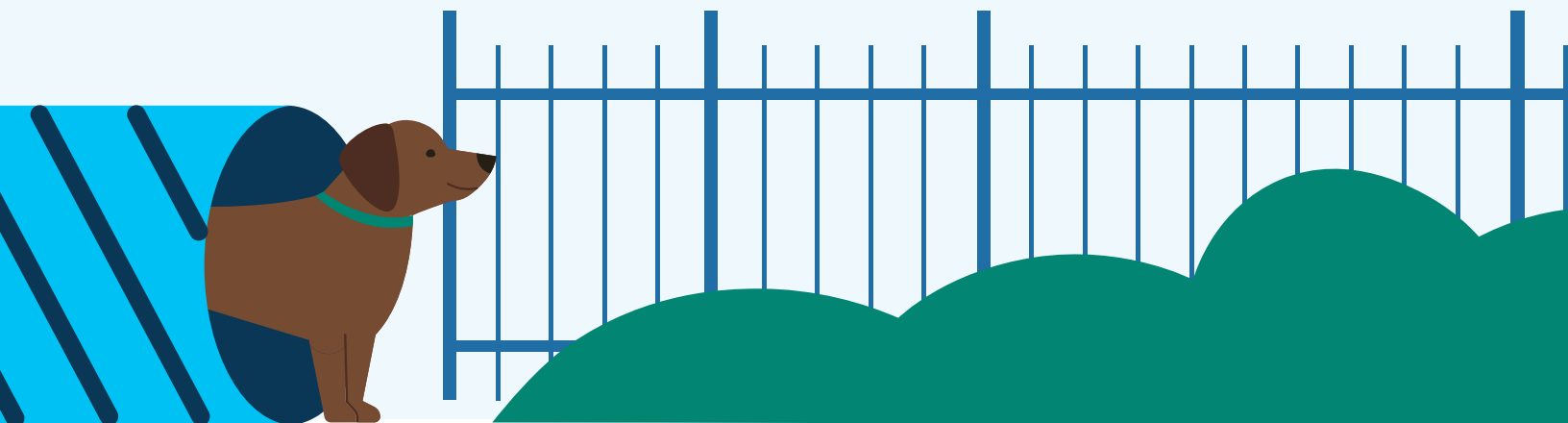


01 Welcoming a New Pet

We get it—Scruffy and Stella have the cutest faces! But they're also a decade-long responsibility and a new addition to your family.

Some things to consider before welcoming a new fur baby:

- **Research the type of pet you're interested in,** as levels of care, attention, and resources vary by animal.
- **Assess whether they are a good fit for your current lifestyle.** Don't assume you'll be able to change to meet the needs of your new friend.



- **Check if your current living situation meets the needs of your new pet** or if there are pet-specific regulations in your area.
- **Ensure everyone in your household is on board with the addition** and aware of the responsibilities.

If you're sure adding a new pet to your pack or pride is the right choice for you, it's time to prepare.

In the first guide of this series, we'll break down everything you need to successfully prepare your home or apartment for a new addition— and we might even be able to help save you some dollars along the way!



02 Pet Proof your Home

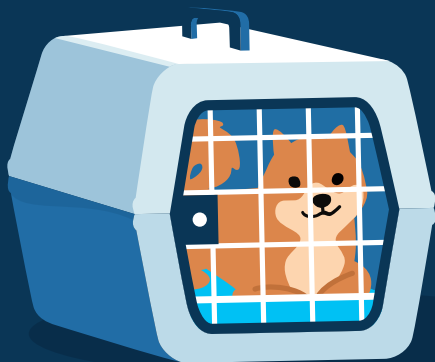
Before bringing your new pet home, ensure your living space is safe and pet friendly.

Whether you're bringing home a canine companion or feline friend, **remove any potential hazards** like toxic plants, harmful chemicals, and objects small enough to be swallowed.

Unsure which plants are toxic for pets?

[Click here](#) to learn more about dangerous common houseplants.

Secure loose cords and chewable items—like shoes—and **set up a safe, quiet space**. Moving to a new home can be overwhelming, and having a place to retreat and decompress will help avoid reactivity. This is also important when **choosing where to place your dog's crate or your cat's litterbox**, as both animals prefer peace and privacy while using these.



For Your Dog

GATE OFF AREAS

1

Safety or baby gates help facilitate introductions to different areas of the home and prevent access to stairs and certain rooms.

2

CONSIDER CRATE TRAINING

Crates support potty training efforts and provide a safe space while you're away from home. Size the crate for your pup to grow into and add a pad or bedding inside for comfort.

3

SECURE YOUR YARD (IF YOU HAVE ONE!)

Ensure your yard is fully, securely fenced. Check for holes and escape routes and consider investing in self-locking gates.

For Your Cat

- 1** **KEEP BREAKABLES OUT OF REACH**
Cats are known for curiosity and climbing ability so keep fragile and valuable items out of reach or secured.

- 2** **SECURE WINDOWS AND BALCONIES**
All windows and balconies should be closed or securely screened at all times to prevent dangerous falls or escapes into the wild.

- 3** **ELIMINATE POTENTIAL HIDING SPOTS**
While cats need a comfortable place to retreat when overwhelmed, it can be scary when they can't be found. Clear out small spaces or hiding spots you're unable to reach.

03 A Partner for Your Pet Ownership Journey

Welcoming a new pet is a big life event, and it can be scary to prepare for. That's why we've put together this helpful mini guide series to help you along the journey. But that's not the only pet ownership support we provide.

Our **Pet Hero** plan aims to provide pet parents with affordable access to health and safety essentials--and some pampering perks too. A subscription-based benefits package, **Pet Hero** provides you and your BFF with a suite of practical benefits made with real pet lovers like you in mind. And if you're a multi-pet household, you can cover your entire pack or pride for under **\$20 a month**, with no added fees or restrictions based on age, breed, or size, and no deductibles.

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