Your New Cat Checklist

Cat Food
- We feed Fancy Feast chicken canned food to most cats
- Switch to your personal wet food brand and protein choice by slowly introducing it over a week to ten days
- Some cats have texture preferences
- Dry food makes a great treat and can be used in food puzzles. We often feed Kirkland Chicken and Rice

Food & Water Supplies
- Buy a few bowls for an easy cleaning routine.
- Avoid free feeding.
- Place several water bowls around the house to encourage hydration.
- Water fountains can be great!

Treats
- Treats can go a long way toward making friends with your new cat or reinforcing behaviors we want repeated
- Many cats love cat grass and catnip (fresh or dried).
- Many cats love Inaba Churu treats. These are great for bonding

Cat Tree
- Most cats enjoy climbing or perching.
- Cats often use a safe spot off the ground to observe their surroundings
- Ideally, place the tree by a screened window so your cat can look outside

Bed
- Using a blanket, towels, cardboard boxes, or store bought cat beds and cubbies, make cozy and inviting places for your new family member to relax
- A socially significant place such as next to a desk, the food of your bed, or on the couch are examples of spots your cat may like to be and feel safe.

Toys
- Discover your cat's favorite ways to play by trying a variety of toys.
- For example: wands, plush kickers, catnip, balls, ripple rug, automated toys

Grooming
- Buy a flea comb and hair brush. Your cat may have bristle texture preferences.

Scratching Post
- Should be sturdy, with platforms bigger than your cat
- Some cats prefer vertical posts, others prefer horizontal pads
- The Infinity Scratcher is very popular

Litter Box
- Choose a large open top/uncovered box
- High sides can be useful
- Scoop daily or many times per day
- Place along a wall and away from doors
- Cats love their litter boxes!
- Whenever possible, it's great to have 2 litter boxes for 1 cat, 3 litter boxes for 2 cats, and 4 litter boxes for 3 cats, etc.

Cat Litter
- We most often use World's Best litter, or pine pellets
- Please buy unscented litter
- Any clumping litter, plant or even clay based, is OK
- To change litter in the future, add a second litter box next to the first, to check your cat's preferences

Jackson Galaxy
- Author of books like Total Cat Mojo and Catification
- Content on YouTube and Instagram promotes understanding cat behavior and making homes cat friendly

Schedule a Vet Appointment/Checkup within 30 days of Adoption