



Choosing the Right Cat Carrier

One of the important parts of getting a new feline friend is making sure you've got the right accessories!

Your cat's carrier is an important tool in yours and your cat's life as it will facilitate travelling to new homes, catteries and, importantly, to the vets.

Firstly, you need to make sure you're selecting a carrier that's going to be the correct size for your cat. You'll need a larger cat carrier for a Maine Coon than you will need for your domestic short hair. Ideally, your cat needs to be able to stand up and turn around in their cat carrier for their comfort.



Next up, you need to make sure you have multiple ways of getting your cat in and out of your carrier. Some cats find it extremely stressful to go into a cat carrier, and some carriers only have one entrance and exit. An ideal cat carrier will have a door and removable top to reduce stress of having to remove your cat through the front.

Top tip: Try to avoid carrier with zips or Velcro closures. A motivated cat can break their way out of these carriers!

Now what should your cat carrier be made of? There are multiple choices for material – some carriers are fabric, some wicker basket and some plastic. The ideal cat carrier should easily wipe down in case of any accidents or illness.

In the case of multi-cat households it is ideal to have one cat carrier per cat in order to reduce the stress of your pet smelling another cat, even one they're friendly with! However, if that isn't possible, your cat carrier should be fully cleaned and dried before your feline friend is placed inside.

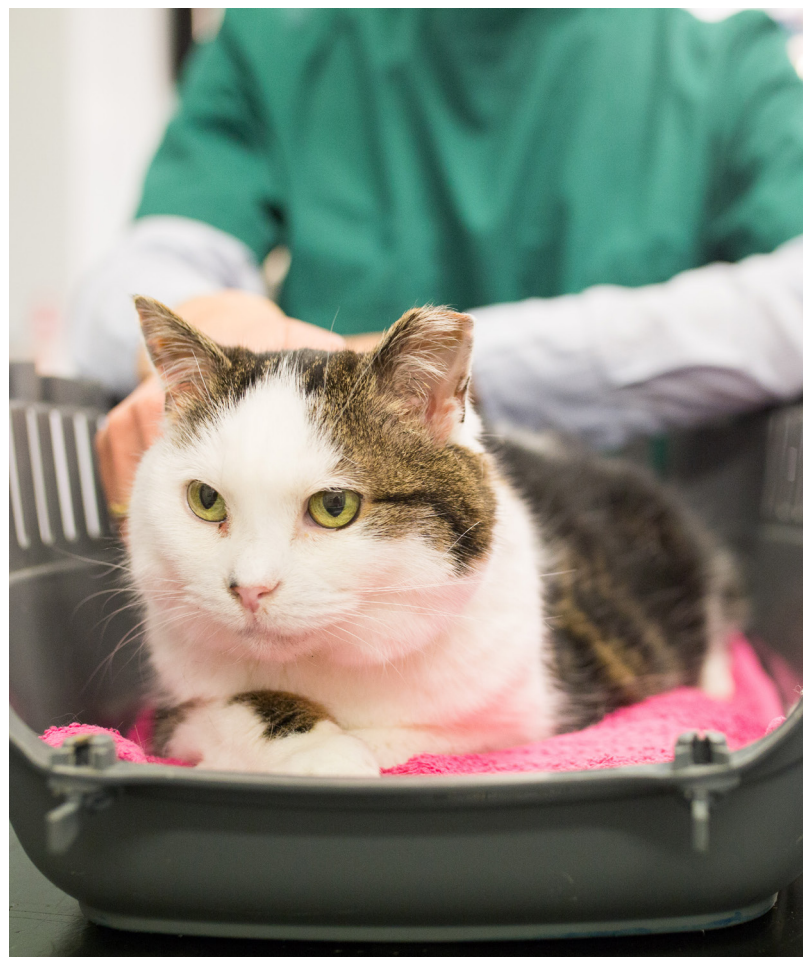
In a one cat household we recommend placing the base of the carrier in your house for your cat to associate it with the comfort of home. This will reduce the stress of being placed in a foreign environment for travel.

If for any reason, including feline destruction, your cat carrier is broken in any way, in order to ensure the safety of your cat we recommend you purchase as new one as soon as possible.

So in summary, an ideal cat carrier will be a plastic or a material that you can wipe down, of an appropriate size, that opens at the top and front, and protects your feline friend.

Traveling to the vets with your cat

- Put bedding in the carrier that the cat normally sleeps on or place an article of clothing belonging to the cat's favourite person in the carrier
- Cover the carrier with a towel or blanket during the journey can help to keep your cat calm
- Secure the carrier in the car with a seatbelt or in the footwell so it cannot move
- Stay calm so the cat doesn't pick up stress from you
- Be reassuring and avoid loud noises
- When you arrive at Lime Trees Cat Clinic take advantage of our quiet waiting room



- We also have 'cat parks' available to enable your cat to waiting for their appointment in privacy
- Carrier covers sprayed with calming pheromones are also available to ensure your cat's trip to the vets is as stress-free as possible



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