

Comprehensive Cat-Proofing Checklist

Print this out and work through it room by room before adoption day.

LIVING ROOM

- ☐ Cords bundled or covered
- ☐ Blind and curtain cords secured or shortened
- ☐ Breakables removed from open shelving
- ☐ Bookshelves and TV stands anchored
- ☐ Small objects (hair ties, coins, rubber bands) put away

KITCHEN

- ☐ Cabinet locks installed on cleaning product storage
- ☐ Toxic foods stored out of reach
- ☐ Trash can covered or enclosed
- ☐ Stove knob cover in place, if needed
- ☐ Gaps behind appliances checked

BEDROOM

- ☐ Closet doors kept closed
- ☐ Jewelry and small items in closed drawers
- ☐ Box spring gaps checked
- ☐ Blind cords secured

BATHROOM

- ☐ Toilet lid down
- ☐ Medications in a closed cabinet
- ☐ Floss and razors out of reach
- ☐ Cleaning products stored away

BALCONY

- ☐ Mesh or netting barrier installed
- ☐ Climbing furniture moved away from railing
- ☐ Catio option considered

LAUNDRY ROOM

- ☐ Washer and dryer checked before every load
- ☐ Detergent pods sealed and elevated
- ☐ Laundry baskets covered or inaccessible

GARAGE

- ☐ Antifreeze and chemicals sealed and elevated
- ☐ Gaps around garage door checked
- ☐ Garage-to-house door treated as an exterior door

OUTDOOR AREAS

- ☐ Garden checked for toxic plants
- ☐ Standing water sources removed or fenced
- ☐ Catio or secured area checked for ground-level gaps

SUPPLIES READY

- ☐ Litter box and litter
- ☐ Food and water bowls
- ☐ Scratching post
- ☐ Cat carrier
- ☐ Cat tree or perch
- ☐ Enrichment toys
- ☐ Safe room set up