



Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

Great Beginnings...a Summary

- Set up safe haven in a quiet room, containing a litterbox (which gets changed daily), hiding place, food and water.
- Periodically offer company and affection, but respect cat's need to be alone if she hides from you.
- To introduce a new cat to resident cat(s): separate cats for the first few days. Allow them to sniff each other through door of safe haven. Expect an adjustment period of days, weeks, or even months. Hissing, growling, chasing are normal and necessary. *Do not expect them to be friends right away.*
- Cat/dog introductions: Fido should be under control, either by leash or by voice (or both), while Fluffy is allowed to approach or hide. Praise Fido's gentle behavior, and verbally correct him if he lunges, barks, etc.
- Indoors or outdoors?: Outdoor cats have a lifespan of one-quarter that of indoor cats. PHS receives approximately 200 dead cats every month. For her sake, please keep your cat indoors! Provide exercise, entertainment, toilet facilities, and love for a long, happy, healthy life indoors.

For more info, call our free Behavior Helpline (650/340-7022 x783 or, for Spanish, x786) or consider a low-cost consultation. To make a consultation appointment, call 650/340-7022 x667. The PHS/SPCA Behavior Department, like many shelter programs, is funded by donations.