

A LITTLE ROOM TO BEGIN.

Walk the room before your cat arrives. Use this sheet to plan the space, rehearse the household routine and carry open questions into a real conversation.

Room: _____

Date: _____

01 Draw your starting space.

Sketch walls, doors, windows and large furniture. Mark each resource separately. This is your own room sketch, not a measured or approved layout.



LABELS: food / water / litter / rest / hiding / scratching

02 Trace the route.

Draw a path from the doorway to each resource. Open the door and move chairs as you normally would. Mark a conflict with a circle, then record the next step on page two.

Prepare separate food and water spots, with litter away from both. Choose an undisturbed retreat and equipment suitable for the individual cat. Discuss a difficult layout or access need with the adoption organization.

MAKE THE PLAN WORK.

Try these checks without the cat. A tick records your review; it does not certify the room or replace individual advice.

03 Walk an ordinary day.

- ☐ Morning
- Can each resource still be reached while people get ready?
- ☐ Evening
- Do moved chairs, bags or visitors interrupt the planned routes?
- ☐ Overnight
- Which doors stay closed, and are essentials still accessible?
- ☐ Room check
- Review cords, plants, gaps, loose objects and window security.
- ☐ Arrival
- Rehearse the carrier route, door handling and other-pet arrangements.
- ☐ Quiet time
- Agree that hiding and rest places will be left undisturbed.

04 Resolve the open questions.

What needs to change or be checked?	Responsible adult	Before / next step

Keep entry codes and private care details off this sheet. If the cat seems unwell or shows concerning changes in eating, drinking, toileting or behavior, seek veterinary advice. This is a home-planning exercise, not treatment or a settling-in timetable.

Read the full guide and source links: housemates.pet/guides/cat-safe-room/

Source basis (checked September 13, 2026): Cats Protection, Bringing a cat home and Preparing for a cat; ASPCA, Moving with your pet. Indoor setup only. Organizations have not reviewed or endorsed this worksheet.