

# You're Not the Only Cat in the Home: Introducing Your Pets to Each Other

Bringing a new cat into your home can be an exciting time, but it's important to remember that your resident cat may not be as thrilled about the new addition. In order to avoid any potential conflict, it's important to introduce your pets to each other carefully and gradually.



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Here are some tips to help make the process go smoothly:

1. **Start by keeping the cats separate.** This will give them a chance to get used to each other's scents and sounds without having to interact face-to-face. You can keep them in separate rooms or use a baby gate to block off certain areas of the house.
2. **Gradually increase their exposure to each other.** Once your cats are comfortable being in the same space, you can start to increase their exposure to each other. Allow them to see each other under the door or through a baby gate. You can also try feeding them on

opposite sides of a closed door so that they can get used to each other's smells.

3. **Supervise their interactions.** Once your cats are comfortable seeing each other, you can start to supervise their interactions. Keep them on leashes or harnesses at first, and make sure to intervene if they start to show any signs of aggression.
4. **Be patient and don't force them to interact.** It may take some time for your cats to get used to each other. Don't force them to interact if they're not ready. Just be patient and give them plenty of time to adjust.

With a little patience and care, you can help your cats become friends and enjoy living together.

**Here are some additional tips that may be helpful:**

- **Use pheromone diffusers.** Pheromone diffusers release calming pheromones that can help to reduce stress and anxiety in cats. This can be helpful during the process, as it can help to make your cats feel more comfortable and relaxed.
- **Provide plenty of hiding places.** Cats feel safe when they have a place to hide, so make sure to provide plenty of hiding places throughout your home. This will help your cats to feel more comfortable and secure, which can make the process go more smoothly.
- **Be prepared for setbacks.** It's important to be prepared for setbacks during the process. There may be times when your cats seem to be getting along well, and then suddenly they start

**fighting. This is normal, and it's important not to get discouraged. Just be patient and continue to follow the tips above.**

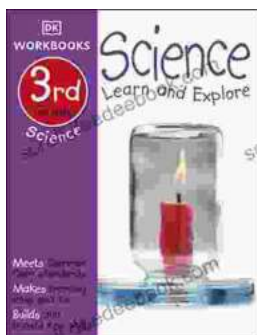
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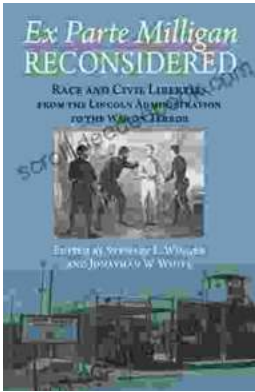
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