



Cat Introductions

#5 - Gate Feedings

Slowly allow the cats to see each other during their meals. Use a covered baby gate with a towel over it, for example.

#4 - Closed Door Feedings

Feed the cats on opposite sides of a closed door. Start at a comfortable distance from the door, and move the bowls closer with each feeding.

#1 - Safe Room

Create a private space for your new cat. It should be in a room you frequent, with all necessary resources for your cat, and no access (even visual) to the rest of the house.

#2 - Swap Scents

Swap cat beds between the two cats' territories, so that each cat can get used to the other cat's smell.

#3 - Swap Sites

Move the new cat into a bathroom. Move the resident cat to the new cat's safe room, then let the new cat out of the bathroom to explore the rest of the house.

#6 - Playtime

Begin playing with the resident cat. Bring in the new cat and immediately begin playing with it. Keep sessions short at first, and end the sessions on a positive note.

