



DOG-CAT INTRODUCTION

- I. Before you introduce your new pet to your existing pet, be sure to have them in separate rooms.
- II. Begin by working on getting your cat to focus on you. You can use very tasty treats to help with this process. When your cat responds to his name, give a treat. Wait for him to look away, and then say his name again, if he looks at you, give another treat. Continue to call your cat as he wanders around the room. Give him a treat for coming to you whenever you call him.
- III. Make sure your dog has had proper exercise and is calm before meeting your cat. Work on his recall and LEAVE IT commands. It is important that he responds positively to both of these in case you need to use them to redirect his focus during the introduction.
- IV. Once both your pets are calm and responsive, you can begin the first introduction. Be sure to have a barrier of some sort set up (baby gates are great), so that your cat can easily escape if he feels threatened.
- V. Allow your pets to look at one another and give each a treat for behaving calmly around the each other. If either pet acts negatively, avoid yelling or using physical force. Instead allow for a short break and work with them individually again to gain their confidence for the next introduction.
- VI. Be sure to keep introductions brief and positive.
- VII. During the introduction process, never leave your pets alone together.
- VIII. After several days of brief positive introductions, you can remove the barrier and see if they are positively responsive. Be sure to keep your dog on a leash in case he decides to chase your cat.
- IX. Continue to pair positive associations for each of your pets in the presence of the other.
- X. Be sure your cat always has an escape route that your dog does not have access to.
- XI. It is also very important to keep your cat's bed, litter box and food out of your dog's reach at all times.

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ALWAYS REMEMBER, PATIENCE AND CONSISTENCY ARE KEY WHEN TRAINING!
