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# INTRODUCING CATS AND DOGS: THREE SIMPLE STEPS TO SUCCESS

Introducing cats and dogs to each other can be an exciting and rewarding experience. By following a few simple steps, you can help ensure a smooth transition and foster a positive relationship between your new cat and dog. Let's break it down into three easy-to-follow steps:

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## Let Your Cat Settle

- Give your cat 1-2 days to get comfortable in their new home.
- Keep your cat and dog in separate areas during this time.
- Make sure your cat has food, water, and a litter tray in their own room.

- When both animals are calm, introduce them.
- Keep your dog on a lead, but give them some freedom to sniff and check out the cat.
- Stay calm and watch their interactions. Be ready to step in if needed.

## Relaxing the First Meeting

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## Repeat and Gradually Increase Interaction

- Repeat the introductions 2-3 times a day for the first few days.
- Let them spend more time together as they get comfortable.
- Observe how they behave around each other and make sure it's going well.

Remember, take it slow and be patient. If any issues arise, separate them and seek advice. Enjoy seeing your cat and dog become buddies over time!