



# **Bringing Your Cat to the Vets**

# **Choosing the Right Carrier**

It's best to choose a carrier with a **top-opening option**, like the two shown below.

Wicker basket carriers make it tricky to remove the cat. Backpack style carriers often get too hot and can be small.

#### Ideal cat carriers for vet visits:





### Less appropriate carrier designs:





# Top Tips for a Stress-Free Visit

### Make the carrier a safe space

Leave the carrier in a quiet, accessible area at home and allow your cat to explore it at their own pace. Placing a soft blanket inside can make it more inviting. To build a positive association, try placing treats or feeding your cat inside the carrier.

### Prepare the carrier for travel

Line the bottom with something absorbent - such as newspaper, towels, blankets, or puppy pads - to make cleaning up any accidents easier. Cover the carrier with a blanket while in the waiting room to help block the view of other animals and reduce stress.

#### Pheromone sprays

Spraying a pheromone product on the carrier blanket can help calm your cat. If your cat experiences high levels of stress, speak to your vet - medication may be available to help.

### One cat per carrier

Even bonded cats can become aggressive when confined together. Always use separate carriers for each cat.

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