

Indoor Cat Home Checklist

We are asking the following questions so we can get a better idea of your home from your cat's point of view so we can learn more about how it might be affecting your cat's current health issues. Your answers will help us help you; the more we know about your home from your cat's point of view, the better.

After each question, please ✓ **DK** if you **Don't Know**, **NA** if it does not apply in your home, **Yes**, or **No**. In homes with more than one cat, some cats like to have their "stuff" (resting area, food and water, litter box, etc.) **out of sight of all other cat's stuff**, so think about where each cat's stuff is if you have more than one cat as you fill out the form. If you can't answer **Yes** for **all** of your cats, answer **No**, so we can talk about each one as needed. Your answers will help us find things that might cause problems from your cat's point of view together so we can fix them together. We will discuss **DK** answers when we review your answers with you, and the talk about any **Priority** changes that might be needed. We use female pronouns in deference to Bastet, the ancient Egyptian goddess revered for her hunting prowess *and* maternal nurturing skills.

#	Space	D K	N A	Yes	N o	Priorit y
1	Does each cat have a personal space that provides her with safety and security?					
2	Is each space located such that another animal or person cannot sneak up on your cat(s) while resting?					
3	Is each space located away from appliances or air ducts that could come on unexpectedly while your cat(s) rest?					
4	Is a radio or TV left playing when your cat(s) stays home alone?					
5	Are there sights, sounds or smells outside your home that might disturb your cat(s)?					
6	Do you have a "catio" (safe, enclosed structure that allows outdoor access) that your cat(s) use?					
#	Food and Water	D K	N A	Yes	N o	Priorit y
7	Does each cat have her own food bowl?					
8	Does each cat have her own water bowl?					
9	Are both food and water bowls located out of sight of all other cat's bowls?					
10	Are all bowls located such that another animal or person cannot sneak up on each cat while she eats or drinks?					
11	Are bowls located away from appliances or air ducts that could come on unexpectedly while any cat is eating?					
12	Do you wash bowls each day with a mild soap?					
13	Do you offer new foods in separate containers next					

3	to the usual food at mealtime so your cat(s) can choose to consume it (or not)?					
1 4	Do you provide any food in food puzzles?					
#	Litter boxes	D K	N A	Yes	N o	Priorit y
1 5	Does each cat have her own box in a convenient, well-ventilated location that still gives the cat some privacy while using it (1 box per cat + 1)?					
1 6	Is each box as long as each cat from the tip of her nose to the tip of her tail?					
1 7	Are any boxes covered?					
1 8	Are boxes located so another animal or human cannot sneak up on your cat(s) during use?					
1 9	Are boxes located away from appliances or air ducts that could come on unexpectedly during use?					
2 0	Are boxes located on more than one level in multi-level homes?					
2 1	Is the litter scooped as soon after use as possible (just like we flush after each use), or at least daily?					
2 2	Are boxes washed at least weekly with warm water, rather than strongly scented cleaners?					
2 3	Is unscented, clumping litter used?					
2 4	Do you change the brand or type of litter more often than monthly?					
2 5	If you change the brand or type of litter do you offer it in a separate box so your cat can choose to use it if she wants to?					
#	Activity	D K	N A	Yes	N o	Priorit y
2 6	Does each cat move about your home freely, explore, climb, stretch, and play whenever she chooses to?					
2 7	Does each cat have a vertical scratching post?					
2 8	If so does she use it daily?					
2 9	Does each cat have a horizontal scratching post?					
3 0	If so does she use it daily?					
3 1	Are climbing places (e.g., perches, towers) provided so each cat can safely look down on her surroundings?					

3 2	If so, are they used daily?					
3 3	Are chew items (like cat-safe grasses or catnip) provided for each cat?					
3 4	If so, are they used daily?					

#	Play	D K	NA	Yes	No	Priorit y
3 5	Can each cat play with people or other animals if she chooses to on a daily basis?					
3 6	Does each cat like to play with toys?					
3 7	Does each cat have toys to chase that mimic moving prey?					
3 8	Does each cat have toys that can be picked up, carried, and tossed in the air?					
3 9	Are toys rotated on a regular basis (at least weekly) to provide novelty?					
#	Social Contact	D K	NA	Yes	No	Priorit y
4 0	Can each cat get away from other animals or people in the household at all times?					
4 1	Do any cats interact with outdoor cats?					
4 2	How many hours a day are you in sight of your cat?		_____(h/day)			
4 3	How many minutes a do you spend petting your cat?		_____(min/day)			
4 4	How many minutes a do you spend playing with your cat?		_____(min/day)			

If you have additional comments on or questions about any of these questions, please write them below, including the question #.