



## TIPS on Introducing a New Puppy or Dog to Your Cat

Introducing your new puppy to your cat doesn't have to be stressful if you follow these steps.

- Keep your cat and new dog separated before introducing them so the current pet doesn't feel threatened, and the new pet doesn't get overwhelmed in his new environment. Let them get to know each other through scent first. You can switch their bedding or towels while they're in separate rooms. They can sniff each other under the closed door, too.
- Once your cat and dog are comfortable with the scents, let them see one another through a baby or pet gate.
- Give them treats so they associate each other with positive things, and if you notice any signs of stress or aggression in either one, stop the interaction.
- Supervised interaction
- If your pets have met without any issues, you can let them out in the open while you supervise.
- Don't force the interaction, just let them learn to share a space, if they choose to interact, that's up to them.
- To have control over the situation, keep your dog on a leash and make sure your cat has lots of safe places to hide if he wants alone time.
- Eventually, you'll be able to let your dog and cat spend time together alone.