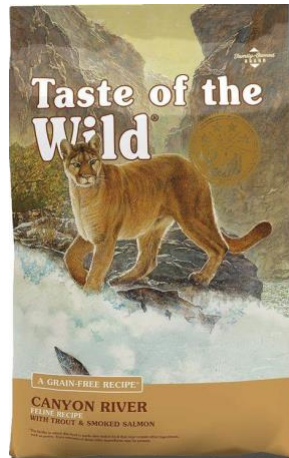




Things We LOVE!

Dry Food

Cat Tales recommends good quality dry food. Our cats have access to dry food at all times since they are busy playing all day! Currently we are using Purina One dry food and they seem to really like it! For sensitive tummies, we really like Taste of the Wild dry food. Especially the chicken free formulas, like Canyon River. Of course, discussing food options with your vet is always recommended!



Wet Food

We feed a variety of good quality canned wet food at Cat Tales. Wet food is essential for getting extra protein and moisture into the kitties, especially males. It's also great for getting kitties to take supplements such as L-lysine. We add a little warm water and stir in a pinch of L-lysine. In our experience, they prefer the ocean flavors but you should experiment with your new kitty! Feed wet food in a low, shallow dish to prevent whisker fatigue! Currently we use a combo of Purina ProPlan and Fancy Feast. They gobble it up!



www.cathealth.com/cat-care/nutrition/2389-does-your-cat-have-whisker-fatigue

Fancy Feast Fish and Shrimp- a good quality, easy to find wet food

www.chewy.com/fancy-feast-flaked-fish-shrimp-feast/dp/103932

Litter

We like the extra-large, high sided boxes such as the one made by Natures Miracle. You can get them in regular or corner shaped, and are also available with hoods. We recommend starting without a hood until good habits are established. After a good routine is in place you can add a hood/cover. Remove the flap entirely or tape it up until kitty is comfortable using the box. We also like our giant litter cabinet. Boxes are super easy to clean in these- just open the door and scoop! No hood to remove, and there is good storage for scoops, mini broom, and cleaning supplies.



Natures Miracle
Sided Extra Large

Also available as a Corner Box

Some are Cover High
Compatible

www.chewy.com/natures-miracle-silver-oval-hooded/dp/191386

For litter we use and love World's Best Cat Litter. We use the unscented kind in the red bag, but there are nice scented options too. We recommend AT LEAST STARTING with this, and changing later if you prefer. We want kitty to have as few changes as possible regarding litter at the beginning. Make the potty as familiar and accessible from the start to encourage good habits.



Worlds Best Cat Litter Red: Unscented

Pink: Picky Cat (has attractant in it)

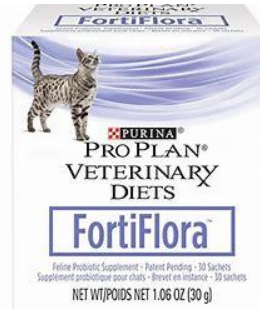
Purple: Lavender Scented

Don't forget scoops and litter collecting mats!

www.chewy.com/worlds-best-cat-litter-scoopable/dp/37593

Recommended Supplements:

L-lysine- available in bulk powder form, and also in treat form. Strawfield Pets has a flavored powder that the cats LOVE! This is your best defense against upper respiratory flare ups, common during stressful transitions.



[Amazon.com: Lysine for Cats - L Lysine Powder Cat Supplements - 900mg, 200 Scoops - Llysine Kitten, Cat Immune System Support Supplement for Cold, Sneezing, Eye Health, Upper Respiratory Infection Treatment, USA : Pet Supplies](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000000000)

Probiotics- Fortiflora made by Purina is awesome and the cats like the taste of it. It's great for promoting digestive and immune health. A wonderful supplement to give a shelter cat, even if it's only short term.

<https://www.chewy.com/purina-pro-plan-veterinary-diets/dp/49853>

Scratchers

Scratchers are a MUST! The more the better. Some cats are vertical scratchers, some prefer horizontal surfaces, some love both! Little, lightweight dangly scratchers, and short little posts are worthless. Cats want something they can put their weight into.

A large, multi-level cat tree in front of a window is ideal. They fulfill many instinctual needs of cats including scratching, climbing, and perching. They also love replaceable cardboard scratchers. Most kitties love the ones shaped like a box that they can also lay in. We also find they love a scratcher with a track and ball, and an inner replaceable pad. Adding catnip to these scratchers encourages scratching in the places you want it, which helps save the surfaces you don't!

Tip: check out Wayfair as well as Chewy and Amazon. They have amazing deals!

We have also had GREAT luck using this plastic covering on furnishings at home. It is sometimes called sticky TAPE, but you want sticky SHEETS. They go on easily, remove easily, and are next to invisible when installed. They help break bad habits, and redirect your kitty to their fabulous new cat tree.



<https://www.chewy.com/frisco-57-in-faux-fur-cat-tree-condo/dp/129320>

<https://www.chewy.com/scratch-lounge-original-scratcher/dp/49353>

<https://www.chewy.com/bergan-star-chaser-turbo-scratcher/dp/49194>

<https://www.chewy.com/bergan-scratcher-replacement-pads/dp/49190>

[Amazon.com : FOCUSPET Furniture Protectors from Cats 10pcs Cat Scratch Deterrent Sheet | Double-Sided Training Tape an-ti Pet Scratch for Couch Furniture Protector 5XL-17"x12" + 5L-17"x10" : Pet Supplies](#)

TOYS!!!!

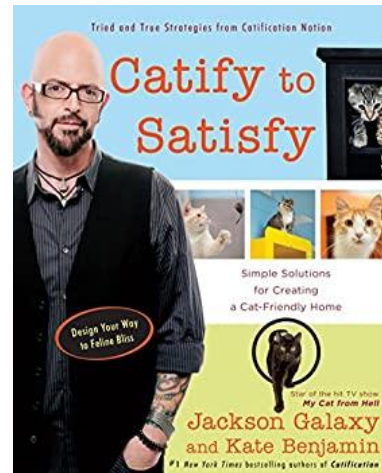
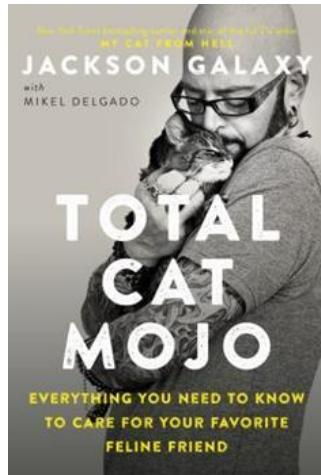
A variety of wand toys, catnip toys, and balls, fuzzy mice, etc. are all important to have in your arsenal. Rotating them in and out of play keeps them interesting. Catnip kickers are good for getting energy out. Laser toys are good too, for getting bursts of energy out, but they can become “frustrated” when they can’t ever “catch it”. So, make sure they get the reward and satisfaction of “getting their prey” with another toy.

We also love Silver Vine, another plant option to use with/instead of catnip. Not all kitties love catnip, but almost ALL of them LOVE Silver vine!

Get to know your kitty and their preferences. They are all individuals, with particular likes and dislikes!



Finally, if you want to more about your kitty, and kitty behavior in general, we HIGHLY recommend books by Jackson Galaxy, cat behaviorist and host of the show, “My Cat From Hell” on Animal Planet. They are super informative and highly entertaining! His book, “Total Cat Mojo” is an outstanding, easy, fun and fast read. “Catify to Satisfy” is another wonderful book of his that teaches you how to turn your home into a cat paradise, and makes sure all your kitty’s instinctual needs are met.



And don’t forget a nice, roomy carrier when you come to pick up your new BFF!

Difficult kitties are much easier to get into hard carriers than soft ones. But If you strongly prefer a soft carrier, PLEASE be sure it is large enough, AND reinforced really well! Throw a nice softy in there too. Off you go with your brand new BFF!



Large, hard plastic carrier with mostly solid top (23”)