

# WHY YOU NEED A CAT CARRIER

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It's all too common for cat owners to not have a suitable carrier to transport their pet. People have come in with their cats inside of cardboard boxes, pillow cases, and even just in their bare hands. As sweet and docile as your kitty may be, cats get scared, and when they do, they scratch, claw and bite to get away.

It's true, many cats don't like their carrier, but it's never an excuse. If you make an effort to make your cat comfortable around their carrier, getting them inside it will be much easier. Leave the carrier in a place the cat can access it. Put a comfy blanket inside and drape a towel over the top to make it a cozy napping spot. Hide treats or cat nip inside to help them associate the carrier with good things.

It is ideal to have a quality solid-sided carrier. Cardboard ones can be flimsy and easy to chew and claw out of. Soft-sided carriers typically have less ventilation and are difficult to clean if soiled. The carrier you select should be sized so that your cat has room to stand up and turn around comfortably. It is crucial that it is secure and sturdy. Check to see that all latches, prongs and bolts are strong and durable.

Cat carriers may seem like an unnecessary expense that you'd only use on occasion, but it is critical to the safety of your cat.