



Preparing and Proofing Your Home for Your New Cat or Kitten

As a new kitten or cat “parent”, it is your job to keep your pet safe. Beware of the following common dangers that may be lurking in your home:

- Bones or garbage from human meals (steak bones, chicken bones, etc.)
- Chocolate, sweets, and cookies (which can be toxic or cause vomiting and/or diarrhea)
- Anti-freeze
- Poisonous house and garden plants
- Cleaning products, household chemicals, pesticides, and poisons
- Electrical cords (i.e. the kitten chewing on a live wire)
- Open or screened doors
- Open or screened windows, especially on higher floors
- Extreme temperatures, including fireplaces, hot stoves, irons, and coffee pots
- Plastic bags or other plastic material that could suffocate the curious kitten
- Fleas, which can cause anemia, among other ailments
- Car accidents and/or escapes
- Unprotected “bodies” of water (open toilets, uncovered pools, etc.) that could result in accidental drowning
- Miscellaneous discarded items that an animal might ingest (cigarette butts, rubber bands, balloons, sewing needles, thread, string, ribbons, etc.)

Prevention is the easiest cure! Pet-proof your home BEFORE your pet comes home.