



## Cats in Carriers

Believe it or not, cats can be trained! Training your cat to be comfortable in a carrier will allow you to transport your cat safely and with low stress. By doing so, you can help make your cat's life (and yours) less stressful.

### First Step

**Get the carrier out.** Place it in your cat's main living area with the door open. Your cat will soon become accustomed to the sight and smell of the carrier without bolting under the couch.

### Second Step

**Make the carrier comfortable.** Place blankets or a small bed in the carrier to make it inviting for you cat. Sprinkle catnip or spray Feliway® pheromone spray in the carrier. The goal will be that your cat will want to sleep in the carrier on his own.



Now your cat should be comfortable enough to relax in the carrier on his own and it should be an acceptable sleeping location.



The next step is training for car rides!

### Third Step

**Feed your cat in the carrier.** Start by feeding just outside the carrier. As your cat becomes more comfortable, slowly move the food bowl farther into the carrier with each feeding until your cat is comfortably eating every meal in the carrier. Most cats start to become comfortable in their carriers within a week.

**Hide treats in the carrier.** This reassures your cat that the carrier is a happy place that gives food and comfort.