

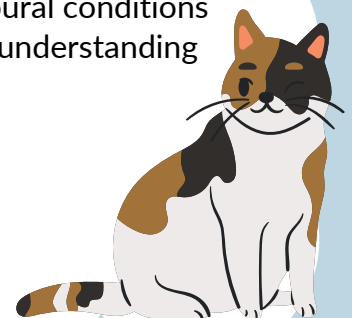


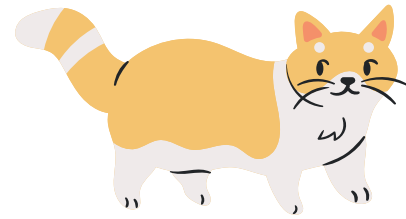
## Adopting a Cat: Understanding Personality Types

Choosing a new pet is exciting, but it's crucial to find the best match for your family. Consider a cat's personality, age, and compatibility with your lifestyle, not just their appearance.

### CAT PERSONALITY TYPES & NEEDS

- **Kittens and Tweens:** Playful, curious, and full of energy, these young cats love adventure and attention. They may need training in "kitten etiquette" and a kitten-proofed home. While they enjoy other pets' company, they can thrive alone with plenty of human interaction. Some older kittens and tweens may have had limited human contact in their first few weeks of life and may be more fearful. These cats need lots of positive social interaction and love while they adjust to life with human companionship.
- **Fun Family Cats:** These cats thrive on action, attention, and being part of household activities. They love social interaction and playtime. They may prefer to be the only pet or enjoy the company of other cats and dogs.
- **Mellow and Mature Cats:** These cats range from social butterflies to independent types, often preferring quieter homes. They enjoy snuggling on laps but still like some playtime. They can live alone or with other pets.
- **Blossoming Shy Buddies:** Preferring quiet, predictable environments, these cats need gentle affection and time to bond. They often do better with another cat companion.
- **Special Needs Cats:** These cats have long-term medical or behavioural conditions and need homes where their specific needs are met. Patience and understanding are essential for their care.





## GRADING SHY CATS

MEOOW Foundation uses a Shy Cat Grading System (Levels 1-5) to help adopters understand and support their new shy cat.

### Level 1

These cats can be approached slowly and petted gently. They may seek human attention and usually bond over time.

### Level 2

These cats tolerate brief petting and are comfortable around people but will hide initially. They may take weeks to start exploring and interacting.

### Level 3

These cats accept occasional pets but are not consistent. They may hide at first and take months to settle in.

### Level 4

These cats require intensive socialization to accept human touch. They may improve with effort but can take three to six months to adjust.

### Level 5

These cats do not accept human touch but coexist with people. They prefer other cats' company and may take three to six months to settle in, with some becoming more social over time.

