



Here at Cherry Hill Animal Hospital, we understand that not all cats are pleased about a trip to the vet clinic. Having a secure and comfortable carrier which your cat can be easily retrieved from, goes a long way in helping reducing fear, stress and anxiety in your feline friend.

Selecting the right cat carrier

When choosing a cat carrier, it is important that the carrier provides a safe place for your cat to travel in the car. Choose a carrier that allows veterinary personnel to gain easy access into the carrier and be able to perform an exam in the carrier, if this makes your cat more comfortable. Ensure the carrier has a top which can be easily removed (with clips not screws) or has a top loading option. Place a non-slip surface or bedding in the carrier so the cat does not slide around during transport.



Familiarizing your cat to the carrier

It is important that your cat views the carrier as a safe space. The carrier should be an everyday part of your cat's life and not just brought out for veterinary visits. Place the carrier out in commonly used areas of the house with some comfortable bedding or an item of clothing that has your scent on it. The carrier can also be sprayed with a synthetic feline pheromone such as Feliway to help calm them down and relieve stress and anxiety. Place treats, catnip, or toys within the carrier daily to encourage your cat to enter it on their own.

