

6 Things a Shelter Cat Asks of their New Owner...

- 1.** I am grateful to be out of my cage, but I may be frightened, so please don't mind if I hide for a while, even a long while. I have been through a lot!
- 2.** If I have an accident or two in the house, it may be because I don't remember where the litter box is. It probably would be best if you put us both in a smaller area at first so I can find it easily, but if I make a mistake, I apologize.
- 3.** I will most likely learn to love my feline, and even canine companions who already live in your home, but friendship sometimes happens instantly, and sometimes it takes time. Be patient, and you will be glad you were.
- 4.** I love to climb and explore, so if you have anything that I can accidentally break, please put it where I can't reach it... for your sake and mine!
- 5.** My caretakers at the shelter loved me, but they had so many of us to look after, so I did not always get the one-on-one affection that I needed. I may seem overly friendly, or a bit stand-offish at first, but give me time. I will level out.
- 6.** Please remember that I will need to see the Doctor from time to time, just like you humans. I require vaccines, and check ups to keep me healthy. It is a part of our relationship, and I am depending on you to take me when I need to go. (don't tell anyone, but I can't drive!)

