

## Cat Proofing Your Home

Cats are extremely agile and curious creatures. They can get into things dogs could never dream of. It's important to cat-proof your home before bringing your new friend home.

- Remove all string, rubber bands, paper clips, needles, dental floss and fishing line from your cat's reach.
- Tie up or remove all dangling cords and drapery pulls.
- Keep your cat away from electrical cords. If kitty maintains an interest in chewing on them, spray the cords with a deterrent such as bitter apple or coat them with hot sauce.
- Close all appliances. Dryers are warm inviting places for catnaps.
- Place child-proof latches on cupboards that contain cleaning products.
- Make sure all window screens are secure.

- Keep poisonous products, plants and foods from your cat's reach. Many common household products are toxic if your cat ingests them. Common culprits are:

PLANTS – Oleander, Azalea, Holly Berries, Mistletoe, African Violets. Although not toxic, poinsettias cause great digestive distress.

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS – Antifreeze, fabric softener sheets, batteries, mothballs

FOODS – onions, coffee grounds, tomato leaves and stems, Macadamia nuts, chocolate

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