



HOW TO TEACH YOUR CAT TO LOVE ITS CARRIER

INTRODUCTION

Hello, to you fellow explorer!

We are Julie, Daniel & Nala from @Purrfectbuslife.

The three of us have been living on the open roads of Australia in our Vintage Mazda Bus since October 2020.

Nala, our rescued Cat was your average yet content house cat with no prior training before jumping into buslife with us & now she is a true explorer!

We document our travels as we love sharing Nala's progress & journey from a skittish shelter cat to the professional explorer she is now but also to share the knowledge we learned the hard way about buslife with a cat in Australia & encourage all pet owners to be the responsible kind.

So, this is why we create Free guides from hands-on experience for you all to enjoy!

1: INTRODUCTION 🐾

Let your Cat familiarise itself with the smell & texture of this new object.

2: ENCOURAGE YOUR CAT TO ENTER 😊

What does your Kitty like?

Does your cat have a favorite blanket or toy?

Put this in the carrier so that Kitty can associate the carrier with comfort & positivity.

Another good option is to start feeding your cat near the carrier ;)

3: LET'S MOVE IN 🚗

Time for your feline to enter their carrier, If your cat is not entering on its own despite the homey feeling of the carrier, try using food aka treats in the carrier & then of course some distractions and positive reinforcement.

Do not close the carrier until your Cat is at ease with this step.

4: POSITIVITY 😊

Over a period of time feed your cat inside the carrier to really reinforce the positive bond between your cat and the carrier. If your cat refuses to eat inside of the carrier then, just leave a blanket and the door open, your cat will enter the carrier more and more on its own.

5: CLOSE THE DOOR 🚗

It's time to see how your Cat reacts once locked in the carrier. Again, use the positive reinforcement technique & reward your cat each time for being cooperative. Start by closing the door for a small amount of time & slowly increase the duration over time.

6: LET'S MOVE AROUND 🚗

Once your cat is comfortable in the carrier start carrying them around in it.

This will help them get used to the motion of being moved.