

TIPS FOR A BLIND CAT



Tips and Suggestions:

- Your cat's sense of smell and hearing is much greater than ours and they will adapt to use these.
- Keep your cat indoors and/or allow access to a secure outdoor pen
- If you have other pets at home you can buy small bells (from cat collars) that can be added to the collar of other pets so your blind cat can easily tell where they are.
- You can also get different pitched bells to attach to yourself so your blind cat can hear where you are in the house
- Keeping your home layout the same will help your pet to know where they are and find their bed, food and litter tray easily
- Leave a TV or radio playing softly, the sound is soothing, and may help prevent anxiety
- Keep the cats 'safe space' as free from disruption as possible
- Avoid picking your cat up to "help" them get to food or other areas. They need to learn on their own. It can cause confusion when picked up.
- Look at your home surroundings especially your cat's eye level to find anything that might be dangerous.
- Use pheromone diffusers or sprays like Feliway to help create a calming environment and reduce stress in cats
- Hearing your voice is very soothing, so talk to you blind cat often.
- Remember to speak to your cat when you are approaching to touch (especially while sleeping) to prevent startling him/her.
- Some cats do become "depressed" at first when they go blind (this is normal) but you can help by trying to keep their routine as normal as possible.
- If your cat bumps his/her head often you might consider making your own "hoop harness", you can order a custom hoop vest called the "Angel Vest".
- You can buy "I'm blind" collars, to let other people know when they cannot see.
- If your cat is extremely anxious at first, there are some natural products that can be used to help calm him/her.
- Try to have something familiar to the cat like a toy, blanket, bed, etc. For comfort when going to a strange new place.
- You can buy toys with squeakers, bells or treats in so they can still play