

LIVING WITH A BLIND CAT

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IT IS OKAY TO FEEL OVERWHELMED

It can be difficult when your cat goes blind, but they rely heavily on their whiskers and hearing so can adapt well to having no vision. Every animal is individual in their coping mechanisms and how they adapt, but there are a number of different ways you can help them. Your cat can sense emotion, so it is important to remain positive and to treat your furry family member the same as before they lost their sight,

ENVIRONMENT

- Remove hazards such as electrical wires or sharp corners
- Avoid moving furniture where possible, as your cat will map the area
- Mark the floors by entrances, exits and stairs with a different texture
- Create 'cat corridors' behind the furniture to allow your cat to move freely around the house
- Avoid cleaning areas your cat rubs on to allow them to create a scent profile
- Ensure your cat is kept to a consistent and predictable routine
- Create a 'safe haven', where your cat can find all their key environmental resources
- Create an enclosed outdoor space for your cat to explore safely
- Install Feliway diffusers around the house

CAT ETIQUETTE

- ☑ Avoid suddenly picking your cat up, this can be scary!
- ☑ Talk to your cat as you approach them to notify them of your presence.
- ☑ Train your cat to respond to a recall in case they find themselves in a dangerous situation!

KING LOUIE

King Louie was born with a severe eye defect, which meant his eyes did not develop properly. He had both his eyes removed at a young age, but that hasn't stopped him living his best cat life! He loves sun bathing in the garden, playing on his cat tree and hanging out with his canine siblings!



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ANY QUESTIONS?

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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

At Optivet, we understand how important your pet is to you, and how hard it can be when they lose their sight. If you would like emotional support during this difficult time, please reach out, our emotional support advisor Sam is here to help. Many of our staff have blind pets, and are happy to share their stories.



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