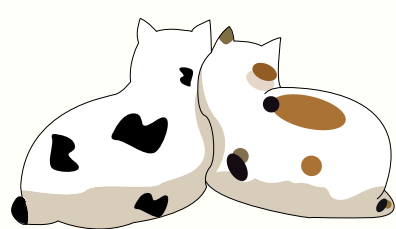


CAT CONFLICT?



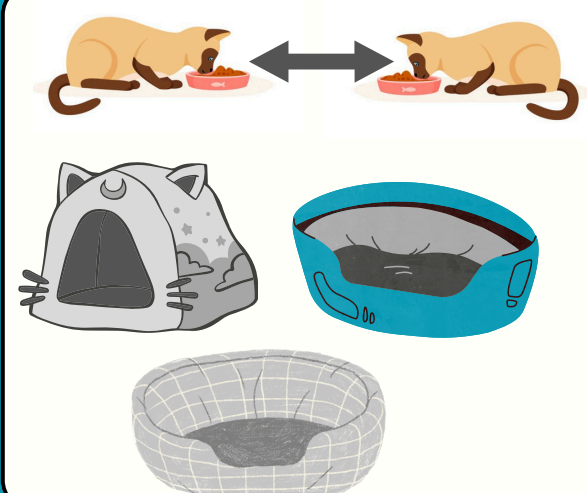
LIKE VS TOLERANCE



Do your cats LIKE or TOLERATE each other?
Do they touch when resting?
Groom each other, play together, share resources?
Yes = friends. No = coexisting.
Absence of aggression doesn't necessarily mean
existence of friendship.

ARGUMENTS VS FIGHTS

We all argue with loved ones sometimes. Cats yell or chase each other occasionally, including a smack or hiss or two. That is normal.
BUT, If you see daily or one-sided conflict; injuries, obsession, avoidance, or screaming; that is not a healthy relationship and intervention is warranted.

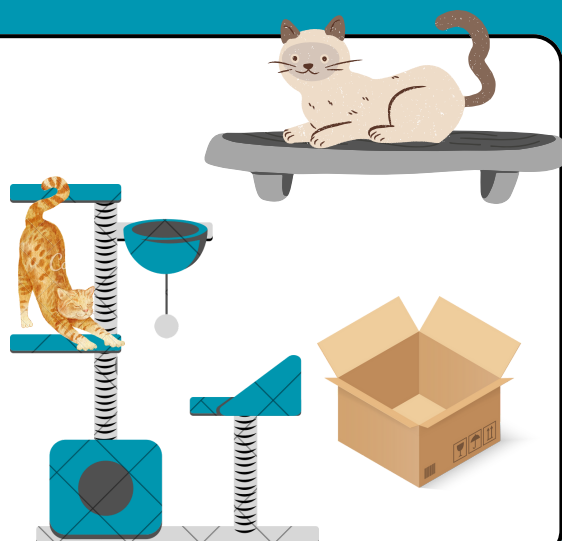


OPTIONS REDUCE CONFLICT

Provide multiple resource options to reduce pressure, conflict, and competition.
Ex: multiple resting spots, litter boxes, toys, vantage points, etc. Spread out separate/individual feeding stations.
Ensure plenty of access to humans too!

SAFETY SPOTS

Provide vertical as well as hide spots so cats can "get away" from each other if they want to. Even if they don't use the hides, awareness that the safety option is there builds confidence.



NO PUNISHMENT

Imagine one day, a new roommate shows up in your home without your knowledge; maybe you find them in YOUR bed! You instantly don't trust them and yell at them only to have best friend (and other roommate) yell at you when you speak up for yourself. Would this make you like the new roommate more, or less? Feel calm or stressed? If cats are arguing, contact a cat behavior pro ASAP. Yelling, spraying or clapping will not help!

