Most pets are stressed & confused in a new home
Keep them physically and visually separated with gates, crates and doors to allow time to acclimate
Keep physically and visually separated until both pets are happy and calm in their respective spaces

**SIGNS YOU NEED A PRO**
- Obsession or fixation toward other pet
- Multiple days of hiding, refusal to eat, or cat not using box
- Aggression or panic
- Trouble or lack of progression

**GENERAL SAFETY TIPS**
- Never confine or restrain one pet so the other can investigate them
- Never punish or scold hisses, growls, or swats
- Keep a door closed between pets when you can’t supervise (e.g., you’re out of the house or asleep)
- For extra safety, you may wish to train dogs to wear a basket muzzle
- Sturdy baby gates in doorways between pet spaces can prevent accidental contact
- You may wish to stack multiple gates to deter cats from jumping over

**SCENT EXPOSURE**
- Give cloth to each pet to rest on for several days
- Place cloth in opposite pet’s space to investigate (place in a neutral location not near their favorite resting spot or food dish)

**EXPOSURE TIPS**
- Gradually progress across multiple days when opening doors, uncovering gates, and getting closer
- Keep sessions < 10 mins
- Praise and feed pets very high-value treats on their respective sides throughout sessions

**AVOIDING COMMON ISSUES**
- Reduce agitation at seeing each other through the gate by covering it with a towel or blanket at first and gradually pulling it back across multiple sessions/days
- Reduce dog agitation at seeing cat movement by having cat sit still to eat treats at first, then gradually moving/jumping/running more and more by following flirt toys
- Reduce cat fear by providing multiple vantage points and hide spots at various heights