How to Get a Cat Into a Pet Carrier

Cats are not generally fond of being forced into small, unfamiliar spaces (who would be?). Unfortunately going into a carrier for short drives or long trips is sometimes necessary. Cats will often fight to keep out of a pet carrier, potentially injuring those handling them in the process. This article was written with outdoor pet cats and house cats in mind. Not feral or wild cats.



Place the carrier on its end, so that the opening is facing the ceiling. Place a soft towel in the carrier, so if the cat urinates, the towel will absorb the wet instead of the cat's tail and legs.



Pick up the cat with one hand placed under its front legs and the other hand supporting its bottom.



Tilt the cat so that when its torso is released, it can only go into the cage.

Remember TGIF: tail goes in first.



Close the door and secure the latch.



Slowly lay the carrier down in the correct position. Lowering it too quickly may upset or injure the cat



Finished!