

LIVING WITH A BLIND CAT

A cat with seriously impaired vision is likely to bump into furniture and other familiar objects and will be wary of moving about in unfamiliar places. It will be reluctant to move up and down steps and will be tentative and noticeably cautious when doing so. You can make life easier for the animal, advises Dr. Thomas Kern, if you make sure to keep its food bowl and litterbox in precisely the same part of the house each day and night. "And it will be helpful if you don't move your furniture from place to place."

Also, he says, "We obviously recommend that you keep the cat in the house, although some cats will be totally miserable if they have to be indoors all the time." Taking your cat out with supervision (on a harness and leash, for example) can help satisfy his needs for the outdoors.

