

Choosing a Cat Carrier



Cat carriers are not an item that your cat will use frequently, but choosing an appropriate carrier is very important. The carrier must keep the cat contained and protect her from potential threats in the outside world. You may be able to predict your cat's behavior, but the outside world is full of unpredictable and frightening forces: loud traffic, uncontrolled dogs, screaming kids, poor drivers, and more.

Based on our experience of thousands of vet visits, trips to adoption fairs, and cat transports, Maine Coon Adoptions recommends a sturdy hard plastic carrier to ensure your cat travels safely and securely.

Sharp Claws vs. Cardboard and Cloth

A scared cat is very strong and determined. Carriers with soft sides or mesh panels may give your pet a nice view and lots of fresh air, but a frightened cat can rip through mesh and fabric to escape. Maine Coon Adoptions has seen scared cats rip through the mesh of a very expensive soft-sided carrier in less than 10 seconds. Cardboard is also easily destroyed by claws and teeth, as illustrated.



Sturdy plastic carriers offer the best protection for your pet.



Feeling Safe Away From Home

Cats feel more secure if they are in a more enclosed carrier. While we may like the idea of providing a view to our cat, cats don't appreciate the view when they are out of their familiar territory.

Auto Safety

Cardboard carriers and soft-sided carriers will not protect the cat in a car during a sudden stop or accident. The passenger airbag can break an adult human's arm, and can easily crush cardboard and soft carriers.

Locked Up Tight

After putting your cat in the carrier, make sure all clips and latches are secured properly. Double check to make sure the door is latched completely.

Pictures represent common types of carriers and are not meant to specify particular brands or models.