

The golden rule about moving home and rehoming cats is to keep them inside for 3 weeks. Yes, a full 3 weeks, then they go out under supervision for a few days and only thereafter allowed out unsupervised. You can keep them “sedated” with Rescue Remedy (either 1 tablet orally starting the day before the move or a drop applied to the inner ear lobe; not into the ear canal!), Catnip and Happy Cat.

I strongly recommend that you start collecting soil from your present garden to use in their litter tray. Reduce the amount slowly and add soil from the new garden. Clean the litter tray daily and place the soil into the new garden so their smells are familiar when they do go outside. If they are used to using commercial litter then this is not needed.

Also, please get the Bach Flower Remedy “Crab Apple”; mix 10 drops together with 10 drops of Lavender Essential Oil into 100mls of water and spritz freely in the home on a daily basis.

I recommend that you keep the cats locked up in a room where the movers do not have access and only transport them into the new home once the movers have left. Keep the key to that room safely on your person. Ensure that they have place to hide should they feel fearful.

The day before the move tell the cats that they will be moving into a new home, to say good bye to the old home and the animals close by. Should you only be moving a few kilometres away, don't mention this to them. Lastly, please leave a photo of your cats with the new owners together with your contact number/details in case they return to their old home at any stage.