



“My home is a place where I feel safe and loved.”



“Sometimes families bring home a new pet.”

Social Story Title:

Adapting to a New Pet

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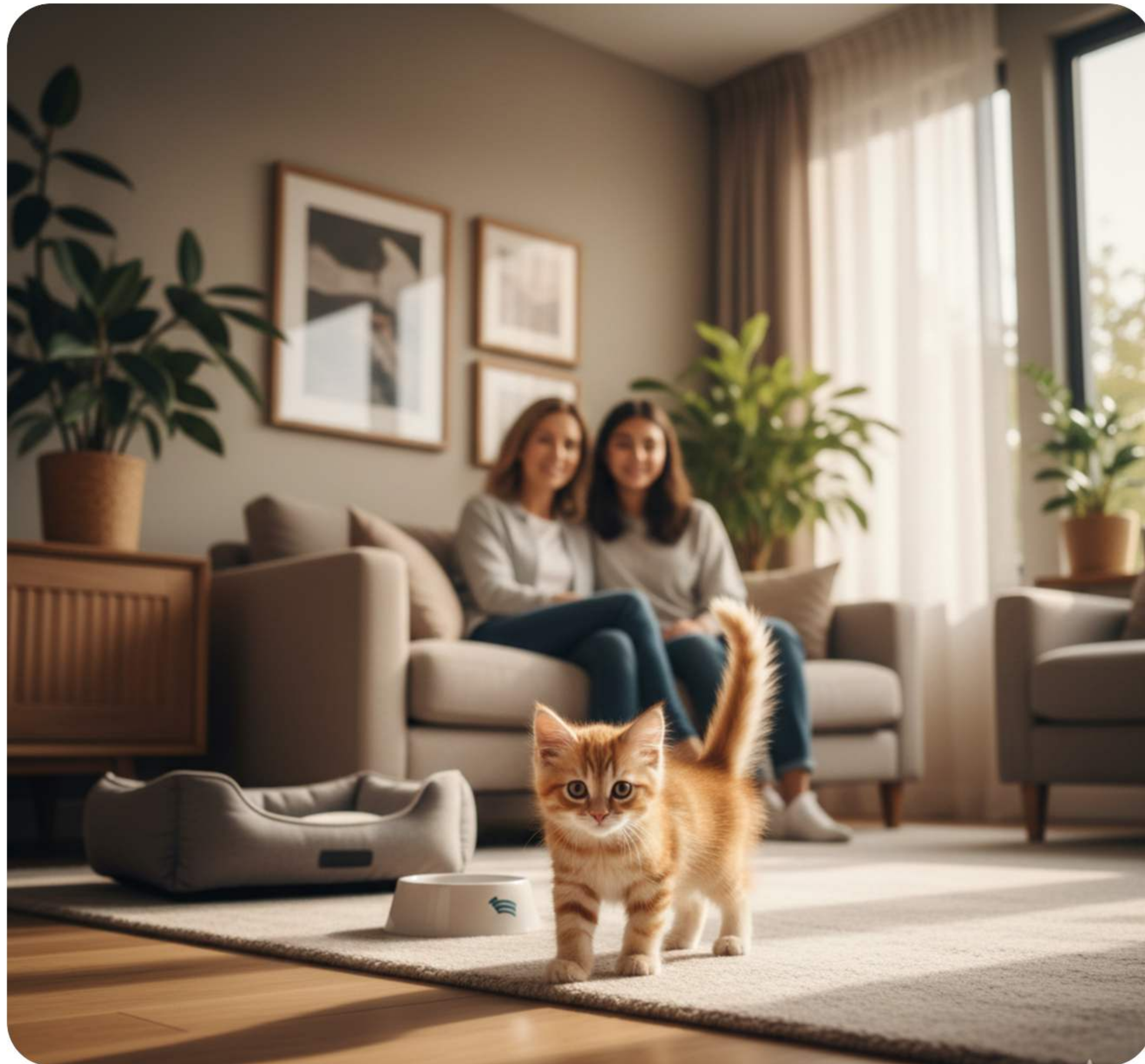
“When I first hear about getting a pet, I might feel excited or curious.”



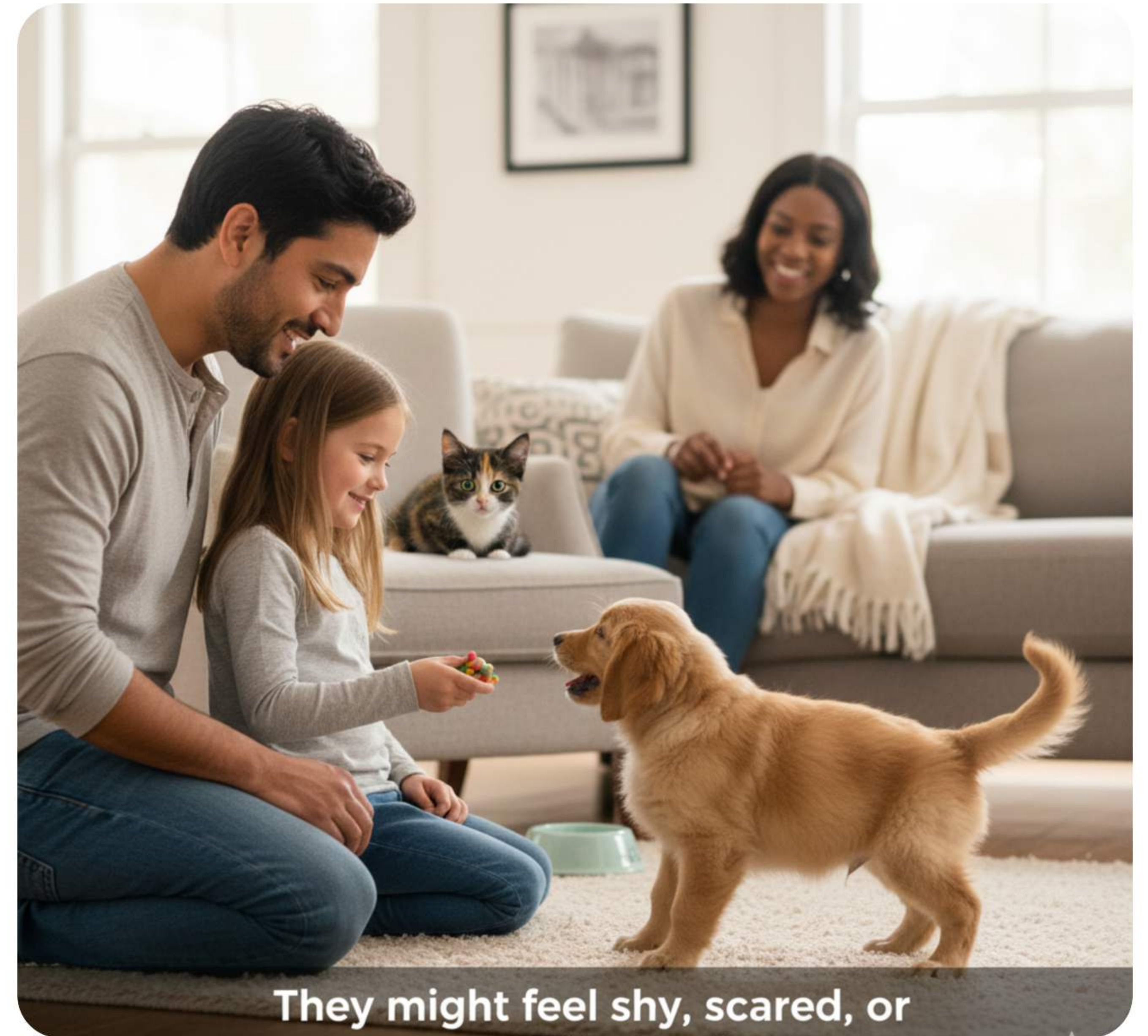
“I might also feel unsure or nervous because it’s something new.”



“All these feelings are okay. A new pet is a big change.”



“New pets need time to get used to their new home.”



They might feel shy, scared, or



“They might feel shy, scared, or very excited at first.”



“I can be gentle and calm when I’m near the pet.”



“I can learn how to take care of the pet safely.”



“My family will show me how to treat the pet with kindness.”



“Sometimes the pet might make noises or move suddenly.”



“If I feel unsure, I can take a step back and ask an adult for help.”



“Every day, the pet will feel more comfortable, and so will I.”



“Soon, the pet can become part of our family and part of my routine.”



“I can adapt to having a new pet with gentleness, patience, and love.”



Vocabulary

- Pet

A: An animal that lives with my family. (Correct)

B: An animal that only lives in the wild.

- Gentle

A: Soft and careful. (Correct)

B: Rough and fast.

- Routine

A: The things I do regularly every day. (Correct)

B: A one-time event.

- Shy

A: Feeling nervous or unsure around new people or places. (Correct)

B: Feeling loud and excited.

- Care

A: Helping and looking after something or someone. (Correct)

B: Ignoring everything.



Spellings

A: Animal (Correct)

B: Anemal

A: Watre

B: Water (Correct)

A: Kind (Correct)

B: Kyind

A: Pet (Correct)

B: Pett

A: Help (Correct)

B: Halp



Comprehension

- Why might a new pet feel scared or shy?
A: Because it's in a new home. (Correct)
B: Because it doesn't like anyone.

- What can I do to help my pet feel safe?
A: Be gentle and calm. (Correct)
B: Make loud noises.

- What should I do if I feel unsure around the pet?
A: Ask an adult for help. (Correct)
B: Run away.

- What helps both me and the pet adjust to each other?
A: Spending time together slowly. (Correct)
B: Ignoring each other.

- What will happen as days pass?
A: The pet will feel more comfortable, and so will I. (Correct)
B: The pet will always feel scared.



Open-Ended Questions

- How do you feel about having a new pet at home?

- What is something gentle you can do to help your pet feel safe?

- What would you like to teach your new pet one day?

- What noises or movements from the pet make you feel unsure?

Role-Play Activity

- **Scenario 1**

The pet is hiding behind the furniture. → Practice staying calm and saying, “It’s okay, take your time.”

- **Scenario 2**

You want to pet the new animal. → Practice asking an adult, “Is this a good time to pet them?”

- **Scenario 3**

The pet makes a sudden noise. → Practice taking a deep breath and stepping back calmly.

- **Scenario 4**

The pet slowly comes closer to you. → Practice offering your hand gently or saying hello softly.