Training your kitten to become familiar with the carrier at an early age will make it easier to take them to routine visits throughout their life.

Do not chase your cat into the carrier. It may take days or weeks before your cat starts to trust the carrier. Remain calm, patient, and reward desired behaviors.

Use familiar bedding or clothing with your scent, as it retains the smell of home and helps with reintroduction.

Consider using a synthetic pheromone (Feliway)
Consider using Feliway® wipes or analog spray in the carrier to minimize anxiety associated with the carrier.

Integrate the carrier into your home
Leave the carrier in a room where your cat spends time. This will create less stress when your cat has to enter the carrier.

Place treats, catnip, or toys in the carrier
This will encourage your cat to enter the carrier at home. Often, you will first see that treats are removed from the carrier during the night.

Place familiar soft towels or bedding in the carrier
Use familiar bedding or clothing with your scent, as it retains the smell of home and helps with reintroduction.

Be patient
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Turn your cat carrier into a "Home Away From Home"