

# How to Acquire and Care for Schrödinger's Cat

"Save-a-tree" Bhat

*Sorry, that cat is definitely dead*

So you want to get a cat, but that's too easy. You want a pet that exists in a superposition of life and death — a pet that makes your science friends think you're cool. Thankfully, there is a solution. Schrödinger's Cat is becoming wildly popular amongst college students at medium-sized urban Western-Pennsylvanian universities, of which CMU is the most illustrious. While it may seem complicated to acquire one, Readme has you covered. We can't guarantee that the cat will survive the ordeal you will put it through, but you'll have the cat in your possession, that's for sure.

The first thing you need to do is find a cat. Generally, these can be found in shelters, from breeders, in the Schlounge, and on the streets. These options vary in price range, type of cat, safety, vibes, and fluffiness, but it really doesn't matter. Next, you'll need to put the cat in a box. As I understand it, cats enjoy cardboard boxes — they delight in ignoring a new toy only to shower their affection upon a piece of pressed and dried wood pulp. Make sure it's a decently sized box, because if by chance the cat is alive, it might want to roam around a bit.

Once the cat is in the box, add one flask of radioactive poison, attached to a Geiger counter such that if radioactive decay is detected, the flask is broken, poisoning and killing the cat. This poison is extremely easy to acquire, just ask Jeff behind the counter. Add some cozy touches to the cat's new home by putting a litter box, a mouse toy, a scratching post, and

some snacks into the box.

Once the cat is situated in its new home, close the box and don't peek inside. Looking would spoil the fun. Now sit there and think about the cat. Is it dead? Is it alive? You don't know. Bring your friends over to think about it too.

Now that you've thought about the cat for a while, it's time to feed it. The cat is simultaneously alive and dead at the same time, according to the Copenhagen interpretation, so by a simple calculation (an alive cat requires  $x$  cups of food, a dead cat requires  $0$  cups of food, take the average of the two), you should add  $x/2$  cups of food to the box. Make sure to close your eyes while doing this, as observing the cat would resolve reality and therefore not be cool to your science friends. By the same logic, you should put a dish of water in the box.

There are a few tasks to perform in the case of a dead cat. Because the cat is simultaneously dead and alive, you'll need to prepare for its funeral as you feed it, provide water, and entertain it. Order a nice headstone, dig it a decent grave (a recent study notes that  $2' \times 1.5' \times 6'$  is the optimal grave size for the average cat). Make sure to allow a good-sized opening at the top of the grave, because it needs to be able to leave, since it's also alive. Tell your roommates that the kitty "went to go live on a farm", because it would be insensitive to tell them the cat is dead. Apologize to your roommates for the hairball noises in the middle of the night, alive cats do that sometimes. Schrödinger's Cat can provide a fun experience, companionship, emotional catharsis, and a box full of kitty litter for everyone.



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## Crystals for home improvement

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*Definitely not a scorpion or anything like that*

2025 is sure to be quite a stressful year, and Readme is here to help. With the guidance of nature's most magical healing entities, become one with the spirits and dispel the cockroaches in your dorm. The healing crystal techniques described here have been used since the dawn of Carnegie Mellon University, by thousands of anxious, imbalanced, and incredibly unhinged students.

You may be wondering where to put your crystals. Consider hanging them in your fridge, giving your roommates a fun little surprise when they go looking for the glowing petri dishes of mold colonies they stashed in there last night. Put them near the sink to remind you that while you may have to get up at the crack of dawn for your 8:00 am, you still have shiny things. Wear them as a necklace, bracelet, or ring, so people can ask about them and you can tell them about the weird crystal thing you've gotten into. While you're at it, tell them how Mercury is in the second house, and Saturn is in retrograde, and why this means they should drop out of school to sell essential oils with you. Scatter them throughout your drawers so when it comes time to clean out your dorm, you can remember that crystal phase you went through in January. Throw them wherever you like, really, because when will you have time to clean? Put them in the microwave, just to see what happens.

Of course, you can't put your crystals anywhere if you don't have them. One strategy is to go outside and take shiny rock because pretty. You can also buy your crystals at the most reputable crystal peddler in all of the internet (Expensive Crystals to Take Your Money).

**Wakeup-alite:** Redbull in stone form.

Tired of using up all your flex dollars on caffeinated drinks, only to pass out at 11:00 pm? Use this stone to keep you awake and pumping out essays 24/7. Despite what everyone tells you, you don't actually need sleep to function. Now you can take the 103 units you wanted.

**Toiletpaperalite:** Magically rearranges the toilet paper. Everyone knows the only right way to put the toilet paper on is over, not under. This is a good crystal to kindly offer your roommate.

**CanIhavethoseoreos-alite:** Makes others share their snacks with you. However, when used in abundance, greedy crystal hoarders have been gravely injured by fruit, hardtack, and other dense snacks flying at their faces. Stay safe out there.

**Noeyecontact-anite:** Prevents you from accidentally making eye contact with people tabling on the cut. Sometimes you don't want to be roped into the latest fundraiser or activity, or perhaps you don't want to wake up at 4:00 am to be stuffed into a buggy and accelerated to high speeds. Use this gemstone to steal a quick glance at the table without being ensnared.

**Getthehelloutofhere-inite:** Removes people from the library table or classroom you wanted to use. You walked all the way there, you should be able to use it. Those hooligans can beat it.

**Heydontrunmeover-ilite:** Stops cars from running you over when you jaywalk across Forbes Avenue. Now that those four-wheeled jokemobiles are stalled, you can jaywalk, moonwalk, or catwalk across the road.

**Thesearemyshiniesforme-anine:** Of course, the biggest danger to your crystals is the magpies infesting our beloved campus. Use this gem to keep your shiny objects safe from these disgusting creatures.

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# A PSA to check the CO detectors

**Gilgamesh Ichthyomorphosis**  
*In a clear state of mind*

Yesterday, the carbon monoxide detectors started talking to me. They whispered to me, begged me to change the batteries. The carbon monoxide detectors love the batteries. I love the batteries.

I love carbon monoxide detectors. They keep the ants out of the wall. The ants want to burrow, to eat, to carry, to use those little spindly legs for their clandestine shuffling. The ants are not allowed in the wall. Installing one carbon monoxide detector on each wall is the only thing that keeps the ants away. The ants took my wife Linda. I miss Linda.

Sometimes, when I forget to change the carbon monoxide batteries, the fuzzy guys whisper in my ear. They are so considerate. They give me batteries and tell me I'm a good boy. I love their soft hair. They are so cuddly. When I'm with

them, I forget that the ants took Linda. The fuzzy guys hate the ants. They will keep the ants away. The ants will not take Linda again.

Sometimes, I feel that the ants want to be friends. I see sympathy in their eyes, their pain, their struggles of being in the walls. They want to escape from the walls. The ants want freedom. The ants beg me to remove the carbon monoxide detectors. I must not succumb to the ants. I love the carbon monoxide detectors.

Sometimes, the ants whisper 15-122 homework answers to me when I sleep. The ants want me to get an AIV. The ants deceive me. The ants trick me. The ants take me for a fool. I am above the ants. The ants are nothing to me. The ants want me to fail out of CMU. The ants flourish in my struggle. The ants are evil.

The ants stole my carbon monoxide detector. They hate me. I will die here. Alone. Suffering. Iliano has caught me. They are taking me away for the AIVs.

# Feng Shui to make you forget them

**Rhodes N. Spectre**  
*Finally convinced she want call you back*

Everyone's been there at some point or another: She left and took the house and the kids, he suddenly ghosted you after texting you "Love you, sweet dreams" the evening before, or you find out from their friend that they were not into you it's just that you were there at the right time and place. You can still revel in the aftermath, you poor single soul, because not all hope is lost. At least not for your mental health, because in today's guide, README will teach you how to use classical Chinese interior design techniques to reclaim the space the two of you used to share.

The first step is to take the time to understand Feng Shui, a luxury they never extended to you. Feng Shui is an analysis of the placement of objects relative to each other so as to understand the effects of the Qi, or "energy" that spiritually inhabits all objects. The concept of Qi goes back to the earliest examples of Taoist texts about how to cultivate Qi for better health and longevity. It is often claimed that Feng Shui, when done well, can enhance one's connection to the world and reduce stress and anxiety. These tips will help consolidate all the positive Qi

back into your life, or at least give you something to do that isn't getting drunk and begging to be taken back:

## Tip 1 - Never Hang Mirrors Across from the Front Door

The reason is simple: Any good energy that comes across your threshold will immediately get reflected back outside. Of course this may depend on what energy lies outside, for example, using mirrors in hallways that greet a serene landscape may pull that peaceful energy into the home. But you live in America, which means you are invariably facing a major road, so block out that chaotic noisy energy by removing any mirrors from the thresholds outside.

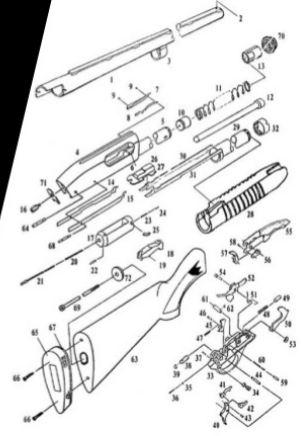
## Tip 2 - Never Put a Bedroom Over a Garage

Garages have heavy, chaotic energies. And that is the last thing you want to feel when it comes to rest. In Feng Shui, a garage is beneficial because it represents bringing resources into the home, but it is not ideal to have a bedroom over a garage. It is a big, open, empty space with not a lot of life energy in it, which can leach into your bedroom, making your bed feel big, open and empty.

## TOP 10 WAYS TO PREVENT FIREARM CRUELTY

1. Be aware.
2. Learn how to recognize firearm cruelty.
3. Know who to call to report firearm cruelty.
4. Provide as much information as possible when reporting firearm cruelty.
5. Call or write to your local law enforcement department.
6. Know your state's firearm cruelty laws.
7. Fight for the passage of strong anti-cruelty laws.
8. Set a good example for others.
9. Talk to your kids about how to treat firearms with kindness and respect.
10. Support your local shelter or firearm rescue organization

**EVERY FIREARM DESERVES A HOME**



## Tip 3 - Treat Your Stove Like Your Most Prized Possession

Stoves are important in Feng Shui—they bring good fortune and attract abundance. The stove represents household wealth. Even if you never cook, try to use it periodically and all its burners. Keep yours clean and use food to fill that hole in your stomach.

## Tip 4 - Ban Electronics in the Bedroom

They're not gonna text you back. It's not happening.

## Tip 5 - Never Place Beds in Direct Alignment with Doors

It is best not to be directly in line with the door to your bedroom. Having your bed in a good position is one of the Feng Shui fundamentals. Place your bed so you can see the door while lying down without being directly in line with it; this is the

optimal placement. This brings ease and restfulness because it allows you to see what is coming at you, both literally and figuratively, and gives you foresight to predict another "we need to talk" text.

## Tip 6 - Declutter

Clutter is super destructive to a home and its occupants, especially when it overwhelms you from the moment you walk in the door. From a Feng Shui perspective, clutter is a "block" or an "impasse", and the Qi cannot flow properly. Removing clutter can be a way to get the energy moving, especially if you feel stuck, and removing their things from your home helps stop reminding you of them whenever you see their items.

Tips 7 and beyond can be found online on [cmureadme.com!](http://cmureadme.com!)