

# What You Should Know About Adopting



- Adoption is a lifetime commitment. Be sure you can make that commitment. It is very traumatic for a cat to lose its home and come back to foster care. Don't just think about now- think about the future.
- All our cats and kittens are pulled from rural high – kill shelters. We thoroughly vet each and every cat and kitten, but we can make no guarantees about the long term health of any of our rescues. Please be sure you can make the commitment to financially care for your new family member.
- All of our cats and kittens are tested for feline leukemia and FIV, they are wormed, treated for fleas, vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and microchipped. Each one is seen at least two times by two different vets, and we take the recommendations of our vets for any treatment. We do not believe that FIV positive cats have to be isolated from others. Based on all the latest research, there is no danger of transmission of this disease to other cats, and they will live a normal lifespan.
- **All potential adopters must complete an application.** This allows us to start the process and communicate with you. We process applications in the order that we receive them. Once you apply for a particular cat or kitten, it is placed on hold until your application is processed. The application is not a commitment, but it starts the process. Start to finish, the process takes 24 – 48 hours unless there are unusual circumstances.
- We choose the best home for each cat or kitten. We base this on what we know about our foster kitties, and we look at each potential adopter's situation. We try to make sure that our rescues will receive all the love and care they need and want throughout their lifetime, and we want their adoptive family to feel that their new family member is a perfect fit.
- We strongly believe that having a veterinarian is very important. We feel that the best chance for a cat or kitten to remain healthy is to have that yearly vet visit. Having a relationship with a vet is one of the main things that we look for when making a decision about placement. Even totally indoor cats should get a yearly exam to help prevent any issues.
- We are an all-volunteer group. Since most of us have full time jobs, please be patient. We will be in touch in that 24 – 48 hour time period. **Once you submit an application, please check your email daily.**
- Our adoption fees do not begin to cover the cost of everything that we have done to get a cat or kitten ready to be adopted. Were you to do the same amount of vet care that we do, it would cost you much more. **Adoption fees are a bargain!**