



# Cat Adoption Information

Animals that are adopted from a rescue environment need plenty of patience, care and love to help them settle successfully into a new home. We aim to carefully match animals to potential new owners and to provide as much information as possible on the cat's background and behaviour to maximise the chance of a successful adoption. Our cats' welfare takes priority, so their needs will be considered first when looking for a new home. We will offer advice and support throughout and beyond the adoption process.

## About Our Cats

On admission, all cats are kept for a period of 2 weeks in our quarantine unit whilst we monitor their health and perform veterinary checks. All adult cats are neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, de-wormed, de-fleaed and health checked by a registered vet. Adopters will be made aware of any issues raised. Unfortunately SAA cannot be held responsible for any health problems that develop after adoption. After quarantine, they move to our rehoming unit where they will be available for adoption. Any that are deemed unsuitable for adoption by our animal care team will join our onsite feral colony. Visits can only be made to the rehoming unit and need to be booked in advance.



## Is a cat the right pet for you?

Cats can make great pets! They are independent, require less care than many other animals and can make good companions. Some cats are very sociable but it is variable. They can live for a long time - some even 20+ years! So a long term plan does need to be considered, esp if getting younger cats/kittens. Cats can be quite sensitive to change and get bonded to their territory so if you are planning on moving frequently this is something to think about. They need regular flea and worm treatment as well as vaccinations and health checks. Cats need an environment that is stimulating for them and encourages activity.

## Our rehoming Process

- 1) First step is filling out our adoption interest form. Our staff will get in touch if we have any immediate questions or concerns.
- 2) We can then arrange a visit to our site to meet any cats available for adoption. Our animal care team will have a chat with you to make sure we have all information needed to match you up with the most suitable cat for you.
- 3) If you find a cat you and our staff agree is a good fit then you can progress your application. If not then a future visit can be arranged once we have more cats ready for adoption.
- 4) The next step is a pre-adoption home visit to confirm suitability. *This process generally takes under 2 weeks so please start your adoption journey at a suitable time for you to adopt and settle your new cat.*
- 5) Once your adoption has been approved you can reserve the cat(s) agreed and make an appointment to collect your new cat! We ask that once officially reserved, pick ups are arranged within 2 weeks (unless agreed otherwise with staff).
- 6) There will be an adoption agreement to fill out either online prior or when you come in. We ask for a donation of minimum £75 for an adult cat and £85 for a kitten to help towards the costs of getting them ready for adoption (see below for a breakdown of what that costs us). This is payable on collection. All animals adopted from us come with 4 weeks of free PetPlan insurance.
- 7) After you have adopted your new cat, you are welcome to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns, we are always here to help. We will be in contact approximately 2 weeks after adoption to make sure everything is going smoothly.



### Indoor or outdoor cat?

Whether you adopt a cat that will live indoors or outdoors is generally dependent on your address. If on or close to a busy road then it is likely that our animal care team will advise that an indoor cat is appropriate. The cats in the rescue will be designated based on their history, health and behaviour in the rescue, however we prefer cats to have outdoor access if possible. Once our animal care team have your address details they can advise who may suit your situation - some cats are known wanderers whereas others may be homebodies. Research from Cats Protection suggests that kittens learn and pick up road sense if they grow up along busier roads so there can be a little more flexibility with their rehoming, but it will be case dependent.

## Homing Requirements

- 1) Maximum of 6 cats per household
- 2) For rented accommodation we require written proof of permission from owner
- 3) Housing needs to be a reasonable distance away from main roads and heavy traffic.
- 4) Housing needs to have outdoor access once the cat has settled in, unless specifically advertised as a housecat.
- 5) Kittens may need to be rehomed in pairs (unless suitable for solo living or someone is home through most of the day, this decision will be made by our animal care team).
- 6) Our cat's needs take priority, so adoption decisions are based on finding them the most suitable home.
- 7) We reserve the right to refuse applications for adoption if we have reason to believe the home is unsuitable for the animal.

## Why Adopt Don't Shop?!

What you get for your adoption fee:

- ⇒ New member of your family
- ⇒ Neutered (average cost would be £159 for a spay and £89 for a castrate)
- ⇒ Vaccinations (average £90 for first vaccinations, average £50 for booster).
- ⇒ 4 weeks free PetPlan insurance
- ⇒ Microchipping (average £25)
- ⇒ Worming and de-fleaing (average £9) (estimates of vet prices for an owner)



Your adoption fee goes towards these basic vet treatments, but it does not cover:

- \* Additional vet bills for illness or injury (unfortunately very common)
- \* Cleaning supplies
- \* Litter
- \* Food
- \* Staff costs
- \* Site costs (eg insurance, lights, water and heating)

Why adopt?

1. Free up a rescue space so we can help another cat in need!
2. Should circumstances change we will always readmit adoptees
3. We can provide advice and information about the cat being adopted to try to make sure they fit in well with your family.