



CAT ADOPTION PROCESS



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APPLICATION APPROVAL

At A Home of Their Own Animal Rescue, our goal is to create the ideal pairing between our rescue cats or kittens and their future adopters. We hold a strong belief in assessing each adoption on a case-by-case basis, without judgment or bias. If any answers in your application raise questions, we make every effort to contact you for further clarification regarding responses that might not meet the standards of our adoption policy. We firmly believe that effective communication is essential in providing everyone with the chance to consider adoption whenever it is feasible!



WHAT MAKES OUR RESCUE DIFFERENT

A key aspect of our unique adoption program, which distinguishes us from other organizations, is our belief that potential adopters should not feel pressured by the idea that adoption is a competition! If a Case Counselor or another volunteer from our Cat Rescue Team reaches out to you regarding a cat or kitten you've applied to adopt, you can rest assured that you are currently the sole applicant being given the chance to have a virtual meeting with the cat or kitten you selected.



MAKING A DECISION

Though we likely have other approved applicants for the same cat or kitten who are anxiously awaiting a response to their application submissions, we will strive to give you ample time to make a decision after your virtual meeting. This will allow you to reflect, have discussions with your family, and confirm that this cat or kitten is the right match for you before moving forward with the adoption process. In general, if we haven't received a response from you regarding your interest in proceeding with the adoption of a cat or kitten within 24 hours of your virtual meeting, a Case Counselor or another volunteer from the Cat Adoption Team will contact you. This ensures we don't miss the opportunity to allow another applicant to provide a loving forever home and family for our rescue cats or kittens.

APPLICATIONS

Applications are reviewed in the order in which they are received.

Once your application has been approved to proceed with our adoption process, you will receive an email from our Cat Adoption Team. This email requests you reply to confirm your plans remain unchanged since submitting your application, and that you are still interested in moving forward to meeting the cat or kitten, and their foster parent virtually.

1 MEET & GREET

Our Cat Rescue Team believes that virtual meetings offer potential adopters the best chance to observe the genuine personalities of our rescue cats and kittens. Having spent time in their foster homes, these cats have become settled and are at ease. This situation allows them to stay calm and unaffected by the presence of new, unfamiliar people, or by other stimuli which changes their environment. These factors could hinder a potential adopter's ability to see a cat or kitten's true character when they are in a relaxed state. Conducting meetings virtually is the best way for us to ensure a cat or kitten behaves as they naturally will once they are settled and comfortable in their forever homes with you.

2 VERIFICATIONS & CONFIRMATIONS

Once you've finished your virtual 'Meet & Greet' and decided to proceed with adopting this cat or kitten from A Home of Their Own Animal Rescue, we will quickly move forward with the necessary steps to finalize your adoption process. Your cat's Case Counselor or another Cat Adoption Volunteer will start the necessary steps based on your unique home environment and current pet situation. They will maintain regular communication with you to gather any required information or documentation and to address any questions or requests for additional assistance throughout the adoption process. Typically, these administrative tasks can be completed within one to two days.

- LANDLORD CHECK-IN OR BUILDING PET POLICY -

IF YOU ARE RENT YOUR HOME, WE WILL CONFIRM YOUR BUILDING'S PET POLICY OR REACH OUT TO THE LANDLORD YOU PROVIDED ON YOUR ADOPTION APPLICATION.

- VET CHECK-IN -

IF YOU HAVE PETS RESIDING IN YOUR HOME, WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT YOU PROVIDE THE LATEST VETERINARY DOCUMENTATION CONFIRMING THEY ARE SPAYED OR NEUTERED AND UP TO DATE ON ALL NECESSARY VACCINATIONS.

**It's not an issue if you don't have these documents on hand; we can contact the veterinarian you provided on your adoption application to confirm your current pet's medical status.*

- VIRTUAL HOME VISIT -

- YOUR ADOPTION CASE COUNSELOR OR ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE CAT RESCUE TEAM WILL COORDINATE WITH YOU TO SCHEDULE A CONVENIENT DAY AND TIME FOR A BRIEF VIRTUAL HOME VISIT THAT FITS YOUR AVAILABILITY.

**It's ideal if you're able to gather the supplies necessary for welcoming your new feline friend before your virtual home visit. If you require guidance on how to best introduce your new family member to your home and loved ones, this is the perfect opportunity to ask questions! We are always delighted to assist you in any way possible!*

3 ADOPTION CONTRACT & ADOPTION FEE

Once the previous steps are finalized, we will send you your Cat Adoption Contract along with detailed instructions on how to sign and submit it, along with your Cat Adoption Donation Fee. Both of these final actions will be carried out electronically through our organization's secure website.

4 PLACEMENT OF YOUR NEWLY ADOPTED CAT

Once we receive your signed Cat Adoption Contract and Donation Fee, your case counselor will reach out to you. This will allow you and the cat or kitten's foster caregiver to start coordinating the placement of your new furry friend with you - their forever family!

Your Case Counselor will stay in touch frequently as we work to finalize the adoption process efficiently. If you have any questions or concerns during the adoption of your cat or kitten, rest assured that your Case Counselor or another member of our Cat Team Volunteers will always be on hand to assist you!