



Spay & Neuter Abandoned Cats & Kittens, Inc.
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ADOPTION POLICY

SNACK, Inc. does not operate a shelter as we primarily trap, neuter and return feral cats to managed colonies; however, we occasionally have friendly cats and/or kittens looking for forever homes. All cats come from our area, so you would be helping a needy cat in your own community. Our adoptable cats and kittens are all living in foster homes with dedicated volunteers. Our adoptable cats are listed on www.snackohio.org and www.petfinder.com.

To adopt a cat or kitten from SNACK, Inc:

- You must own your own home or have written permission from your landlord to own pets.
- You must be willing to make a commitment to care for this cat for its lifetime. Cats can live 15-20 years and in some cases can live longer. Are you willing to make a 20 year commitment to this new kitty?
- All other pets in the household must be spayed or neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations.
- All other cats in the household must have tested negative for feline leukemia (FeLK) and feline AIDS (FIV).
- You must be at least 21 years old.
- All cats are for inside only homes.
- If you are looking for vaccinated/spayed or neutered outside/"barn cats," please contact us. We always have feral cats that need safe homes.
- Spay and Neuter Abandoned Cats and Kittens does not declaw and we do not adopt to homes where declawing will be done. We will, however, work with you to find an already declawed kitty. To learn more about declawing, please visit www.declawing.org

Kitten Policy:

- Kittens less than 6 months of age are considered kittens.
- We recommend that kittens be adopted to homes where children are 6 years old or older. We will consider adoption to homes with young children on a case-by-case basis.
- Kittens need playmates and if left alone can become lonely or bored. We recommend kittens be adopted as pairs or that the existing cat in the household be young enough to appreciate the playfulness of a kitten.

- We will consider placement of kittens to homes with dogs on a case-by-case basis. We will consider your dog's cat experience when making a decision regarding adoption approvals to homes with dogs.

All of our cats and kittens have been:

- Examined by a veterinarian
- Spayed or neutered
- Treated for parasites and fleas as needed
- Tested (negative) for feline leukemia and FIV
- Vaccinated (FVRCP and Rabies)
- Socialized in a foster home until adopted

Adoption Guidance:

- Cats may exhibit inappropriate litter box or marking behaviors. There are many things that can be done to correct this, but you must be willing to work with the kitty.
- Cats require time to adjust to your home and family.
- Cats may chew or eat items in your house and/or scratch your furniture.

Resources:

- The Ohio State University Indoor Pet Initiative (<http://osu.edu/cats/>) provides excellent information on cat behavior and includes topics such as integrating your new cat; litter box behaviors, as well as many other fascinating topics.
- Cats International (www.catsinternational.org) is a non-profit organization that helps people to better understand their feline companions.
- Visit www.catscratching.com to fully understand your cat's behavior and properly solve the issue of cat scratching.