**Furry Friends Adoption Policy**

Furry Friends is a small, hands-on nonprofit cat rescue. Being small gives us the opportunity to know each cat and kitten – their personality, what they like to eat, and how they like to play. This insight helps us match the right cat with the right adopter – making the cat adoption a win-win for everyone involved.

Adoption Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. When there are multiple applications for the same cat, we contact the first applicant and give them the first chance to meet the cat to decide if it is right for them and their family. We acknowledge the other applicants and let them know where they stand and let them decide if they want to wait or meet a different cat.

Because of potential injury and behavior/training concerns, we are very cautious when placing kittens in homes with children under the age of five. Kittens chew, scratch and nip, and children may be unintentionally rough with them. We encourage adopters with young children to consider adopting a cat that is at least six months of age.

**Potential adopters will be asked the following questions**

* Do you rent or own.
* The number and ages of children in the household.
* The number and type of other pets in the household.
* The name and contact information of veterinarian.
* Previous experience with cats.
* Adopter’s activity level, lifestyle, and expectations for a new cat.

**Adoption Conditions**

Upon approval of the application the individual or family needs to agree to all of the following:

* Keep all cats indoors or in a harness and leash if allowed outside. We do not adopt out outdoor cats. If applicants currently have an outdoor cat, their adoption application may be denied.
* If renting, provide proof that cats are allowed and pet deposits are paid.
* NOT declaw or have a tendonectomy performed.
* Provide nutritious food, fresh water, shelter and kind treatment at all times.
* Provide regular veterinary care to ensure good health and as needed for illness or injury.
* Notify Furry Friends of developing behavior issues and be willing to work to resolve them. Furry Friends is always there as a support system for the new owner.

Prior to adoption all of our cats and kittens have been spayed/neutered, microchipped, treated for parasites, vaccinated, tested for FIV/FeLV and had any other medical procedures deemed necessary by our licensed vet technician or our veterinarian, i.e. dental cleaning. When adopted, the new owner is provided with all medical records to share with their veterinarian.