



Adoption Policy

It is the goal of Pet Paw-see, Inc. (hereafter PPS) to place companion cats in safe, loving, lifetime homes. To meet these goals, we must have basic requirements to help alleviate cat over-population and ensure responsible, caring pet ownership.

1. Cats must be adopted primarily as household companion animals. No cat will be placed as a mouser only.
2. Only healthy cats/kittens that show no aggressive tendencies or other serious behavior problems will be placed.
3. As of 10-01-97, Montana State Law requires all canines and felines adopted from a shelter or pound to be altered. This requires that all dogs/cats must be spayed or neutered by a licensed veterinarian within the time limits specified in our legal contract signed by the adopter. All juveniles in the center will be sterilized prior to leaving with a new owner. Those too young will be required to be spayed/neutered when old enough; females, 4 months old, males 6-8 months old. You may not adopt an animal too young to alter if you have an unaltered pet of the same species at home.
4. No cat/kitten shall be given away to another home after adoption. If adopters' circumstances change, the cat must be returned to PPS.
5. No kitten under 8 weeks of age will be adopted. Kittens under 6 months of age will not be placed in a home with children under 6 years of age.
6. All adopters must be 18 years or older. Identification will be required.
7. If an adopter resides in a rental unit, we must have the landlord's name and phone number and also his/her approval to a cat living on the premises.
8. Cats/kittens cannot be adopted as gifts. Cats/kittens shall not be given away or sold to another individual. They must be returned to the PPS if the adopter can no longer keep and care for the cat/kitten properly. Gift certificates are available to purchase for someone wanting to adopt a cat/kitten.
9. The adopter must agree to provide the cat/kitten with proper care at all times: nutritious food, fresh water, regular exercise, and veterinary care, including shots and care to relieve suffering.
10. We encourage all family members to be present at the time of adoption. All household members must want this cat.
11. No cat/kitten can be adopted strictly as an outdoor pet. Cats and kittens need human companionship and must be made part of the family's life.
12. Cats/kittens will shed. Cats may have accidents, vomit, and chew things. Cats jump up on tables and counters and sometimes scratch furniture. If you cannot tolerate accidents, and you don't have time to train this cat, then please reconsider this adoption.
13. Declawing is discouraged. Declawing is the painful amputation of the first knuckle of the cat's toe and is an inhumane practice. It leaves your cat defenseless in an outdoor environment and causes pain and potential behavioral issues.
14. Your companion cat may live 15-20 years. If you are unable to give this cat a lifetime home, DO NOT ADOPT IT!
15. PPS has the right to repossess any animal if there is evidence that the adopter has violated any of these policies.
16. We ask that you allow at least 3 weeks for your new companion to adjust to you and its new home.
17. Any person who agrees to these adoption policies may adopt from the PPS. The PPS has the right to refuse adoption to any person, for any reason, at any time.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO THESE ADOPTION POLICIES OF THE PET PAW-SEE, INC.

Name (please print)

Signature

Date

Pet Paw-see Member Initials

Date
