

Cat Adoption Process

This playbook describes the advantages of adopting a cat from a shelter and outlines the key steps involved in the adoption process. It emphasizes the beneficial impact on the cat population and provides a guide for prospective adopters.

Step 1: **Research**

Explore different shelters and adoption centers in your area. Review their adoption policies, fees, and available cats. Check for any pre-adoption requirements.

Step 2: **Visit**

Go to the shelter to meet the cats. Spend time with each cat to observe their personality and how they interact with you and other animals.

Step 3: **Inquire**

Ask the shelter staff about the history, health, and behavior of the cats you're interested in. Gather information on their vaccinations, spaying/neutering, and any special needs.

Step 4: **Application**

Fill out the adoption application form. Provide necessary details such as your living situation, history with pets, and how you plan to care for the cat.

Step 5: **Home Preparation**

Prepare your home for the new cat. This includes setting up a litter box, food and water dishes, a comfortable resting area, and cat-proofing your home.

Step 6: **Approval**

Wait for the shelter to process your application. They may require a home visit or references to ensure a good fit for the cat.

Step 7: **Finalize**

Once approved, pay the adoption fee and sign any final paperwork. Schedule a time to bring your new cat home.

Step 8: **Acclimate**

Help your cat acclimate to its new environment. Be patient as it adjusts to new surroundings, schedules, and family members.

General Notes

Post-Adoption

Consider scheduling a veterinary appointment for a general check-up after bringing your cat home. This ensures they are healthy and allows you to establish a relationship with a vet.

Supplies

Make sure to have all necessary supplies before bringing the cat home. Essentials include food, a litter box, scratching posts, and toys.

