

CAT ADOPTION FAQ

How much can we tell you about the cat you want to adopt?

Sometimes we'll know a cat's or kitten's history but mainly we won't. However, as much as possible we work with experienced rescuers who can assess a cat's personality and all see a vet for health check ups alongside their vaccination programme.

We will always give you all the information we have and describe the cat's background and personality as accurately as possible but there are NO guarantees.

Cats, like dogs, can blossom in a home situation. Like anything in life, if you commit to your cat, give it the time it needs and seek support when you feel you need some, things will go well. Most move seamlessly into homes and some have already lived in homes.

Can the cat or kitten you want to adopt be allowed outside?

Almost all of our cats for adoption have been **indoor only cats**. They generally have no experience of outdoor life in a busy city, and we consider it too risky for them to go outside in Romania.

It is possible, that along with support and supervision, they may be able to go outside if it is safe for them. We can't allow any of our cats to be adopted out to people who live adjacent to busy roads.

Will your potential rescue cat be health checked?

Yes, as far as possible. Our Romanian vets are very experienced and thorough. Again there are NO guarantees. Street life is a hard life. Cats are tested and cleared for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and Feline Leukaemia Virus (FeLV) and for the parasite Toxoplasma. They are also neutered and spayed.

Will a rescue cat be clean in the house?

Just like any other indoor cat, you'll need to provide a cat litter tray. This should be cleaned regularly (at least twice a day). Your cat will more than likely already be used to a litter tray but, when any rescue animal arrives, you may find there are some accidents. Time and patience are always needed.

How much does it cost to bring a cat over and what has to be done?

A cat has to be spayed or neutered first and foremost if it has not been done already. The cat needs vaccinations, worming, flea treatments etc. and an international pet passport.

This also includes the above-mentioned tests, which cost £70. Transport to the various destinations in the UK is from £70 depending on the commercial transporter used and the distance travelled.

We ask for a minimum donation from you to help to cover the costs of getting the cat home. You will be advised of this once we know how far the cat needs to travel to your home, but it will be from £140.

This can be donated in two stages if easier: the first of £70 upon a successful home check. Please note: this part of the donation is non-refundable. The remainder is payable a minimum of one week prior to your cat travelling.

Can I adopt from you if I have young children?

For families with children under 7, we recommend a kitten under 6 months old and for children 9 -17, younger cats up to a year. Exceptions can be made for super savvy cat owners.

What should I expect from my rescue cat to start with?

There's not any one answer to this. In the first days, the cat needs to have some quiet time in a quiet space.

A cat is an addition to the family. Give them time, set them boundaries, take our advice, give them your heart and you'll be rewarded.

Will I need to change anything in my house?

Aside from checking suitability as a rescue home, a home check will also check that you have space and resources for a rescue cat. This is essential. If you do want your rescue cat to go outside, then we'll need to check how safe your immediate area is.

Rescue cats should never be let out in the first instance as they will disappear. You will be supported by our team following the cat's arrival to help you have a smooth settling in period. Happy rescuing!