

Adoption Guidelines and Application

Who is F.U.R. and why do they charge an adoption fee?

Feline Urgent Rescue (F.U.R.) is a registered non-profit humane organization dedicated to rescuing homeless cats/kittens from dangerous environments. It is our goal to place as many cats/kittens in loving homes as possible. However, since most of our rescued felines are just learning to trust people, it is necessary for us to ask some questions to determine whether or not a prospective adopter is a good match for the particular cat or kitten being considered for adoption.

The adoption fees are necessary in order to partially recoup the medical expenses that each feline accrues. F.U.R. coordinates medical care for our rescued felines and that can entail vaccinations, feline leukemia testing, de-worming or any other medical treatment given while in our care. As advocates for spaying or neutering all cats, we also incur the cost of this procedure for all of our adopted cats/kittens. Our mission is "Saving Precious Lives by Helping Homeless Cats" so we provide necessary care while our felines are with us and exercise considerate judgement in finding great homes with caring parents for them. Afterall, we are most concerned with providing the best homes for each individual feline we have rescued. Their happiness determines our success.

How can I do more?

F.U.R. is a small non-profit rescue organization that is dependent on your donations. In order to rescue more animals from danger, disease and starvation, your monetary donation is needed. We would welcome your donation while we have volunteers fund raising, or you could mail a donation to us at:

Feline Urgent Rescue
P.O. Box 838
Taylors, SC 29687

Feline Urgent Rescue is always looking for volunteers. If you would like to be a part of an active and caring rescue organization, you may call our volunteer line at 967-8236.

When will applications be reviewed and how will I be notified if I have been approved?

Applications are reviewed once a week on Friday. If your application has been approved, you will be notified in approximately one week. Please understand that our volunteers process applications as quickly as possible and take the utmost care in considering each application and the needs of the individual cat/kitten you are desiring to adopt. Our decisions are made in the best interest of the feline and are based on your questionnaire answers and how we view the compatibility dimensions between you, your living environment and our rescued feline.

General Adoption Rules and Requirements

- ◆ You must be at least 21 years old with a permanent residence at which the feline will live with you and be maintained as an indoor pet only. (College dormitory rooms, fraternity/sorority houses or informal house sharing arrangements are not considered permanent addresses by F.U.R.)
- ◆ If you are living with your parent(s), your parent(s) must authorize the adoption by speaking to a F.U.R. representative and by signing the adoption forms.
- ◆ You must be financially able to provide routine care for the feline, as well as any medical attention in the event of serious illness or injury.
- ◆ You must be willing to provide the name and address of a veterinarian that you use or have used in the past. The vet may be called for verification.
- ◆ If the feline chosen for adoption is considered by our veterinarian to be too young for spaying or neutering before you take it home, you must agree to have the animal spayed or neutered at a later date in accordance with the recommendation of the vet. A spay/neuter certificate will be provided at the time of the adoption and we will schedule a follow up call with the vet to confirm the success of your adopted feline's surgery.
- ◆ You must be willing to allow a F.U.R. representative to make adoption follow-up calls and/or visits to your home in order to determine if the adoption is working out and to offer advise if necessary.
- ◆ An adoption fee is required at the time of adoption. The amount is subject to change, depending on the particular expenses associated with a particular animal. You will be advised of the adoption fee and the amount is considered a tax deductible, charitable donation.
- ◆ If, for any reason, you no longer want or are able to keep the feline you have adopted, you must agree to return it to F.U.R. We don't want any of our felines to encounter undesirable living arrangements following adoption. Therefore, F.U.R. will re-enter the animal in our rescue program and work to find a more suitable home for it. If you determine that the adoption is not going to be a harmonious one, we encourage you to return the animal to us and we will refund your adoption fee within 10 business days.
- ◆ You must have a secure pet carrier to transport your newly adopted feline. Cardboard boxes are not considered secure carriers.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and will abide by all guidelines indicated above.

Signature of Adopting Party

Date

F.U.R. Adoption Counselor

Date