



## Friendly Cat Assessment & Resources

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FFF does not have an adoption program or a way to rehome/relocate cats. Relocation can be extremely dangerous for cats that are not well socialized with people. But occasionally, a friendly cat does show up at a colony. And, sometimes kittens can be tamed when they are young or over time. FFF recognizes that there may be some situations in which adoption is a better option for the cats.

But before moving forward with the rehoming process, it is important to assess the individual cats or kittens to make sure that they really are good candidates for adoption.

### Things to think about:

- If an adult cat has lived outside for his/her entire life and has gradually become tamed, then moving them to an indoor home may not actually be the kindest option. They will crave being outside again.
- Is the cat you want to rehome an extremely people-friendly cat? Many cats become acclimated to their caretaker and will allow occasional touching or petting. This does not necessarily mean that they want to be picked up and cuddled. If the caretaker cannot pick them up and hold them, then a potential adopter certainly won't be able to do so.
- There is already an over-abundance of friendly cats in shelters and rescue groups across the country that are waiting for their forever homes. The cats that fare best at attending adoption fairs and finding new homes are friendly cats who really like to be handled by people. Cats that are born in the wild and have not been completely tamed will not be happy in an adoption fair setting or forced into a home with someone who may not understand their behavior. **If the kittens or cats you want to rehome are not completely socialized, then it may be best to perform the Trap/Neuter/Release process and allow them to continue living in their current environment.**

**If the cat(s) or kitten(s) you are caring for are assessed to be good candidates for adoption, consider contacting one of the below agencies for assistance with finding them new homes.**

- o **AARF (Animal Adoption and Rescue Foundation)**, [www.aarfanimals.org](http://www.aarfanimals.org), info@aarfanimals.org, 768-PETS (7387)
- o **4 Paws Pet Foundation**, <https://www.facebook.com/4PawsPetFoundation/> FourPawsPet@hotmail.com, 778-0582
- o **Forsyth Humane Society**, [www.forsythhumane.org](http://www.forsythhumane.org), info@forsythhumane.org, 721-1303

**If you decide to find new homes on your own, please make sure to read the adoption tips below:**

- ✓ Call a potential adopter's vet and ask for a reference. Make sure that their other pets have been well cared for. Ask a lot of questions. Be wary of people who say they will take an entire litter of kittens.
- ✓ Arrange to have the cat spayed or neutered before they leave your care. Or ask the adopter to pre-pay a vet for the kitten's surgery in advance. It is important to prevent these kittens from producing even more unwanted kittens. Some options for low cost or free spay options are:
  - o **Central Spay Neuter and Wellness Clinic**, [www.centralspay.com](http://www.centralspay.com), 723-7550
  - o **Humane Solution**, [www.humanesolution.org](http://www.humanesolution.org), 723-DOGS (3647)
- ✓ Get the complete contact information of the adopter and follow up after adoption to make sure the kitten is adjusting well. Ask them to contact you and return the kitten to you if things do not work out.