



Adoption Program Information

Welcome to the Gardner Animal Care Center. Our mission is to maintain a dedicated, caring and knowledgeable team committed to providing exceptional client service and Veterinary Health Care. As in any business, we have established policies to aid us in effectively adhering to our commitment. Our goal is to ensure that the best care is given to all the animals in our hospital. We not only strive to keep our standards very high for the staff, clients and current patients but also for our less fortunate strays and their future owners.

We “receive” a lot, if not all, of our unwanted animals in the following ways: abandoned, owners relinquished, or they are found without any place to call home. Provided we have room, we take stray kitten/cats in if they are healthy, sick or injured. If sick or injured, we nurse them back to health and then do our best to find them good and loving homes.

We test all of our kittens/cats for feline leukemia (FeLV) and feline aids (FIV). We require all of our strays to be dewormed, vaccinated for distemper and the upper respiratory viruses (FVCRP) and Rabies. Every stray is spayed or neutered. All of this takes a lot of time, effort and money but for “our” strays this is time well spent. Therefore, we feel it is our responsibility to make sure each and every kitten/cat end up in the best possible home.

The misfortune of our strays could have been prevented if the people that had them previously understood the responsibility and efforts that go into caring for a pet. We have gathered some questions for prospective owners of our strays. These questions are not intended to offend anyone, and they serve to aid both of us in deciding if adoption is best for all parties, especially the animal. We want to make sure that each kitten/cat is placed in the right home.

We want to know if you have any questions or concerns about receiving a new pet which may eliminate any potential problems in the future, i.e. first time pet owners, children at home that have never had a pet before, allergies, etc. With this information, we hope to make the transition to becoming a pet owner a smooth one.

If you are interested in adopting one of our strays please call our office at 978-632-7110 and ask for Beth or Sheena. You may also print out the Adoption Questionnaire, fill it out and either fax it to us at 978-632-7354 or drop it off at our office. Part of the adoption process will include a private one-on-one interview.

Our Adoption Fees is \$115.00

During the first year, **You** will be responsible for any vaccines that may be due for the kitten/cat following the adoption. However, you only pay for the vaccines. If a physical examination is needed at the time of vaccinating, it will be performed at No Charge to you.

We require all outdoor or potential outdoor cats to get FVRCP, Rabies and FeLV according to our recommendations. If your new pet will be strictly indoors, we require FVRCP and Rabies only.

If within 10 days after adoption your kitten/cat becomes medically ill with things such as viral infections, eye infections, and diarrhea, we will cover all medical expenses incurred. Items not included would consist of some of the following: fractures, foreign body, hit by cars, or anything that could have been caused by accident. **After this period of time, any medical care becomes your responsibility.**

IF FOR SOME UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCE THE NEW PET DOES NOT WORK OUT, WE REQUIRE THAT THEY BE RETURNED TO US. THE ADOPTION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE. A LEGAL CONTRACT IS SIGNED FOR ALL COMPLETED ADOPTIONS.