

St. Cats & Dogs Inc.	Mailing Address:	Phone 570-604-4008
700 Nay Aug Road	1900 E. Gibson St.	Web: stcatsdogs.org
Scranton, Pa. 18510	Scranton, Pa. 18510	stcatsanddogsscranton@gmail.com

Hi and Welcome to our facility.
Thank you for applying to adopt a new kitty from us.

Here are some things you will need to know:

The food we use and would like you to continue using is Purina Kitten Chow, (generally up to 6 months), or Purina Complete, (over 6 months). Please read the bag for how much to give your new kitty. It is important for the cat's health not to leave food out all day and night so they don't become obese. Allow the cat to get used to the food in your home until the kitty is comfortable in its new environment. Then, you may gradually try other quality brands, (please no food with dyes), by mixing them first, and gradually adding more of the new food. Check the new food bag you would like to introduce, or consult your vet to learn more about changing food for a cat. Please also always have water available for them.

Also, once a day, we feed them wet food as a treat, usually Friskies Pate. A HEAPing tablespoon or so with a touch of water. We prefer not to use shredded or gravy. They contain more fat and carbs. IMPORTANT kittens under 6 months will need 2 feedings of wet food a day. Please no boutique diet, it is not usually good. That is food made by small companies who may not perform research or use ingredients approved by veterinary nutritionists.

When you first bring your kitty home, we strongly suggest a period of adjustment, an acclimating time. Please note that the kitty may appear to be relaxed at our facility because they are used to it, but new surroundings may make them nervous. If they appear scared in their new home at first, it is totally expected and acceptable, for they don't like change. So, to help with this adjustment, you need to put them in a separate room with food, water, and a litter box. (We use a clumping litter.) You can go into the room with treats, toys and/or laser light and let them come to you. During this simple routine they will learn to trust you. You don't want to pull them out from anyplace, like say under a bed or couch, it will scare them more.

Another suggestion, since you need a carrier to pick up the cat, is to leave the carrier in the room, or even an empty small box, so they have their 'own' place. Getting them used to carrier makes it easier when taking them to the vet. When they learn to trust you, you can start introducing them to more parts of the home and members of the family. Just like humans, all cats are different. The time this will take is undetermined as each cat is different. It could take a couple days or a couple weeks, but they will truly appreciate your patience with them, and will result in a better relationship with them.

When you pick up your kitty, you will receive papers saying they have their distemper shots, wormed, fixed, rabies shot, snap tested for fiv/felv, (feline aids, and leukemia.) and are microchipped. The ideal testing age is 6 months, and your vet may tell you that and we are aware of it, but generally people want younger kittens, so we do the test. Please also let your vet know we will be calling.

Keep these records in a safe place and take them with you when you go to the vet. We strongly recommend seeing your vet within a few months so the vet can meet the cat and have something to reference if you find yourself in need of the vet for an emergency. Vets will normally not just see you if the cat is sick, so it is important to establish a relationship with one. Our cats only see a vet if they are sick. We can't afford to have each one fully vetted, but all of their shots are currently up to date. Also, please be aware that a rabies shot for cats is mandated by Pa.State Law, so please check with your vet and schedule check ups annually as per our agreement.

Your agreement with us also states the cat must be returned to us if there are any problems. It can not be rehomed or given to another rescue. We would also like to reiterate, It can NOT be declawed. Research how inhumane it truly is, and it is also outlawed in some states because of the cruelty of it.

For the home visit, we require you to text or email video of your home starting at the main door and going inside and the main living area. We like to see storm doors to prevent the kitty from having easier access to the outside. Also, please indicate which area the kitty will initially be acclimated in. We reserve the right to still do an actual home visit, or if you are unable to send a video.

Our adoption fee is currently \$125.00 for kittens or 2 is \$200.00, \$75.00. for adults, with the second one just being a donation. Preferred methods of payment are first checks, or cash, then Venmo.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Should you end up adopting from us, we love to see updated pictures.

Please feel free to send pics anytime to our FB, text 570-604-4008, (my personal cell) or email stcatsanddogsscranton@gmail.com.

Thank you,
St. Cats & Dogs Inc.
Joanne Demuth-Davis
President