



Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society Cat and Kitten Rescue Protocols

1. Intake and Assessment

1.1 Intake Team:

- Appoint a team responsible for responding to rescue calls, assessing situations, and coordinating rescue efforts. If cat or kitten is being surrendered, surrender forms must be signed prior to us taking possession.

1.2 Initial Health Assessment:

- Conduct an initial health assessment, including checking for signs of illness, injury, or malnutrition.

2. Veterinary Care

2.1 Medical Examination:

- Schedule a comprehensive veterinary examination for each rescued cat or kitten to identify and address any health issues.

2.2 Vaccinations:

- Administer core vaccinations and appropriate preventive care, including deworming, flea or ear mite treatments (if needed), etc.

2.3 Spaying/Neutering:

- All unspayed/neutered cats and kittens will be spayed or neutered at Steeples or Tanglefoot. They will also receive a microchip and rabies shot during the surgery process.

3. Health Monitoring:

- Regularly monitor cats and kittens for any signs of illness and seek veterinary care promptly.

4. Foster Care Program

4.1 Foster Homes:

- Establish a network of reliable foster homes to provide individualized care, attention, and socialization. No foster will have possession of a cat or kitten prior to signing a foster contract.

4.2 Foster Training:

- Train foster caregivers on the specific needs of each cat or kitten, including medical care, socialization, and behavioral support.

5. Adoption Procedures

5.1 Adoption Guidelines:

- All kittens must be at least 8 weeks of age and have been in care for a minimum of two weeks prior to being placed for adoption.
- Cats and kittens must have an up-to-date health check and be scheduled for necessary vaccines and spay/neuter prior to being adopted.
- Costs for resolvable medical issues discovered during health exams we have scheduled will be paid for by Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society.
- Unresolvable medical issues (i.e., hip dysplasia, neurological disorders, diabetes, etc.) will be disclosed to potential adopters with the understanding they will take over medical costs upon adoption completion.

Adoption Events:

- Organize regular adoption events to showcase available cats and kittens to potential adopters.

6.2 Screening Process:

- Implement a thorough screening process for potential adopters, including home visits and reference checks.

6.3 Adoption Counseling:

- Provide counseling and guidance to adopters to ensure a successful transition for both the cat or kitten and the new family.

7. Follow-Up and Support

7.1 Post-Adoption Follow-Up:

- Conduct follow-up checks to ensure the well-being of adopted cats and kittens and provide support as needed.

8. Community Education and Outreach

8.1 Education Programs:

- Conduct educational programs in the community on responsible pet ownership, cat care, and the importance of adoption.

9. Advocacy and Networking

9.1 Advocacy Initiatives: - Engage in advocacy initiatives to promote animal welfare, responsible pet ownership, and the benefits of adopting cats and kittens.

9.2 Networking with Rescues: - Collaborate with other animal rescue organizations and shelters to share resources, expertise, and support.

10. Kitten Season Preparedness

10.1 Training and Resources: - Provide training and resources for volunteers and foster homes to prepare for the influx of kittens during breeding seasons.

10.2 Neonatal Care: - Develop specific protocols for the care of neonatal kittens, including feeding, warmth, and medical attention.

These protocols, when diligently followed, will help Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society conduct effective and compassionate cat and kitten rescue operations, ultimately providing a second chance for feline companions in need and promoting a culture of responsible pet ownership in the community.