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Lucky Chance Rescue

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Adoption Contract – Cats/Kittens

ADOPTER INFORMATION	PET INFORMATION
Name:	Name:
Address:	Breed:
City, State, Zip Code	Color:
Telephone:	Sex:
Email:	Age:
Adoption Fee:	Microchip #
Date of Adoption:	Spay/Neuter Date:

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Adopter Need To Know Information

Cat's Name P	er Lucky Chance Rec	ords:			
-	• ————		e or Exact Age? (Circle or		
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3 rd Kitten S	Shot & Fecal Due Da	ate:			
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Day 3	Mix 60% of the new	food with 40% of	the old food		
Day 4	Mix 80% of the new	food with 20% of			
Day 5	,				
Favorite Toy(s)				
Favorite Trea	ts				
Favorite Plac	e(s) To Sleep				
Other Notes	or fun facts: Please	use back of page			

VET RECORDS & MICROCHIP INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED WITHIN 2 WEEKS. IF NEEDED SOONER PLEASE EMAIL CHARMED@LUCKYCHANCERESCUE.COM

Please note that if you must return the pet for any reason, the pet MUST come back to Lucky Chance Rescue or you will be fined \$500. www.luckychancerescue.com or www.facebook.com/luckychancerescue.etm or www.facebook.com/luckychancerescue.etm or www.facebook.etm or www.faceboo



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Your New Rescue Cat

Congratulations on adopting a cat from Lucky Chance Rescue! Cats are particularly sensitive to new surroundings and some may hide under a bed or in a closet for days or even weeks.

Here are a few things to keep in mind while your new companion adjusts to their new home.

Adopting a rescue cat is exciting for everyone with new interactions and adventures to come. **BUT WAIT!**Before you go showing off your new pet to your family, friends and resident pets please give the new cat time to relax for a while. The last thing you should do at this point is to rush them into a new situation that could cause a negative interaction. They are not ready for it and this can get them into trouble. **Number ONE RULE:**Go slowly at first. A new cat may need seven to fourteen days to relax into her new environment. Save meet-and-greets with friends, neighbors and relatives until the cat is eating and eliminating on a normal schedule.

When Your New Cat Comes Home:

- Cats are territorial, and coming into a new home leaves them feeling really uneasy. There's all that
 unexplored space, and who knows what may lurk there. Do him a favor and provide a small area to call
 his own for the first few days or weeks. Furnish the room with cat amenities, such as food, water and a
 litter box. You'll want to spend time with your cat, so make sure there's a comfortable place for you to
 sit as well.
- Fill a litter box with one or two inches of litter and place it in his room where he can use it undisturbed. After all, everyone deserves a modicum of privacy when going potty, and giving him that will help forestall litter box aversion.
- Cats love to get away from it all in small places, and you can provide one for your new cat as his own
 little safe haven. If he came home in a cat carrier, that might be a good choice. You can also make one
 by cutting a doorway for her in the end of a box. If you prefer, you can buy a covered cat bed at a pet
 supply store. In either case, make sure the space is big enough for the cat to stand up and turn around
 in.
- A cat's claws need to be worn down, and they do this by scratching on things. Since you prefer that it
 not be your chairs and sofa, provide your cat with scratching posts which are tall enough so that the cat
 can extend himself upward to scratch. You can encourage your cat to use the post by sprinkling it with
 catnip or dangling a toy at the top. He'll get the idea. You'll probably want a scratching post in each
 room where there is soft furniture, perhaps blocking access to it.
- If there are other human family members, go over the ground rules about your new pet. Remind them not to startle him and to keep the door to his room shut.

Adjusting Upon Arrival:

- Take her directly to her new room. Ideally, you would restrict her exposure to the whole family, but naturally, everyone is going to want to see her. Remind them of the ground rules you've set up.
- Sit on the floor and let your new cat come to you when he/she is ready. Let the cat get acquainted on his/her own time. If the cat doesn't approach, leave him/her alone and try again later. Some cats are particularly frightened, and he/she may retreat to her hidey hole and not come out when you're around at all. Your cat may only come out at night when the house is quiet. Give him/her time.
- Your newly adopted cat may not eat much or at all at first. It's best to give your cat the same food she
 had at the foster home, at least at first. Keeping some things familiar will make your cat feel more
 secure.
- Be sure to change her water frequently and make sure that he/she is drinking even if your cat hasn't eaten for a few days. Call your vet to ask for advice.



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UNDERSTANDING HOW YOUR NEW CAT FEELS

Before you bring a new cat into your life, it helps to understand a little bit about how cats relate to their world. For the cat, territory is of paramount importance. A cat views his territory the way most of us view our clothes; without them, we feel naked and vulnerable. Place us naked in a room filled with strangers and most of us would try to hide! It is common for cats, regardless of whether they come from homes or streets, to hide in a new territory. Very sensitive or under-socialized cats often hide for a week or more! You know that this cat is now a member of the family, but the cat doesn't. You can help make the transition to a new home smoother and easier by providing some privacy for your new cat.

- It can take 2-3 weeks for your new cat to adjust to a new home. Be patient.
- The cat may not eat well for a few days, don't be alarmed!
- As your cat adjusts, he/she will show signs that she wants to explore outside the safe space. Make sure other pets or family members won't startle the cat while gradually expanding the new space.
- Your cat may be ready to play, so you can furnish some toys. Many cats like feather wands from the
 pet supply store, but homemade toys are often favored. A wad of a tissue paper to bat around or a
 paper bag to hide in can be fun.
- If the cat is openly soliciting affection, eating and not hiding, you can open the door and give him one more room. Do this slowly until you have introduced the cat to all the rooms in his new home.
- Have a safe place for your cat to go when you are not at home. Crate training is essential until you
 know you can trust your cat to be alone in the home.
- Don't overwhelm the cat by having too many people over or taking him/her too many places. Allow the cat a few weeks to get to know you and the new environment and introduce new things gradually.
- Don't yell, hit, or throw things at the cat. If behavior problems are present, speak with a trainer, behaviorist, or Lucky Chance Rescue. Most times there is a reason for the negative behaviors and they can be corrected with positive changes.

Remember that your new cat may be confused, scared, and unsure of his or her new environment. It will take some time for your cat to learn the rules, expectations, boundaries and to form a trusting relationship with you. Be patient and your new companion will be sure to reward you with their unconditional love! Time and patience is the key to helping your cat become the cat you want him/her to be. Some people are too impatient and give up before they see what a great cat they have.



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Easy Does It!

Bringing a new cat/kitten home



Let your cat acclimate slowly to your home. Once you arrive home with your new pet, go to the room you have prepared for your cat. Place the carrier there on the floor and open the door to the carrier. Let your cat come out on its own timetable. Do not coax your cat. This can cause unnecessary stress.



Follow your cat's lead. If your cat approaches you and seems interested in you petting it, go ahead. Otherwise, just remain calm and give your pet time to explore and adjust.mUse slow, controlled movements when near your cat. Sudden movements or loud noises can easily startle your new family member.



Teach your children important safety tips. You need to make sure your child is ready to interact with this new family member so that everyone remains safe. Children need to be told not to chase the cat, pull on it, or tease it. Remind your child to be gentle when petting the cat. Have your child offer the cat or kitten a treat the first time they meet.



Slowly introduce your cat or kitten to other pets. Give your resident pet extra attention, so it doesn't feel stressed or anxious about the new family member. If there is any hissing or growling when your pets encounter each other, separate them and try to get them together again a few days later. Make sure your dog is leashed the first few times it encounters your cat.



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OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS FOR CATS

Although we use many of the same medications, cats are much more sensitive to many of these substances. Even our over-the-counter medications can be dangerous to cats if administered incorrectly. When it comes to medication, dosing and frequency of use can make the difference between life and death, so always consult your veterinarian before using any sort of cat medicine.

DO NOT give your cat ADVIL/MOTRIN, ALEVE, EXCEDRIN, OR TYLENOL. Aspirin can be fatal in cats; use it only under direct supervision of your veterinarian.

MEDICATION	USAGE	DOSAGE FOR CATS	
Laxatone-type gels such as Capilex, Tomlyn Laxatone Gel, Nutri-Vet Hairball Paw Gel	Hairballs	As recommended by dosage chart on package	
Benadryl	Allergies, Itching, Hives	1 mg per pound of body weight every 8 hours	
A & D Ointment	Antibacterial ointment for scrapes and wounds	Apply a thin coating 3 - 4 times a day for 7 - 10 days	
Afrin Children's Strength Nose Drops (0.25%)	Nasal Decongestant	Drop in nostril. 1 drop in 1 nostril daily for up to 5 days, alternate nostrils each day.	
Dramamine	For motion sickness	12.5 mg every 8 hours.	
Dulcolax	For constipation	5 mg tablet or 1/2 suppository (10mg) once a da	
Hydrogen Peroxide (3%)	Used to induce vomiting	1 teaspoon per 10 pounds of body weight. You may repeat every 15-30 minutes (max 3 times)	
Canned Pumpkin without additives, fillers, spices, or sugar.	Constipation/diarrhea Hairballs	Mix between one and four teaspoons of canned pumpkin with cat food one to two times a day	
Kaopectate (Do Not USE Pepto- Bismol)	Diarrhea	1/2 - 1 teaspoon per 5 pounds Every 4-8 hours (1 day MAX)	
Robitussin DM, Benylin Expectorant	Coughing/hacking	0.50 - 1mg per pound of body weight (or 1/2 teaspoon per 10 pounds) every 6 hours	
Mineral Oil	Lubricant, laxative	1 teaspoon per 5 pounds of body weight Add to food - do not give separately due to aspiration risk. Once or twice a week, only 2 - 3 days	
Metamucil (unflavored)	For constipation or to add fiber to the diet	1/2 teaspoon (small cat) 1 teaspoon (large cat) Mix with food Once daily - for short term use	

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A Rescued Cat's Baggage

Now that I'm home, bathed, settled, and fed, All nicely tucked in my warm new bed. I would like to open my baggage Lest I forget, There is so much to carry - So much to regret.

Hmm... Yes there it is, right on the top -Let's unpack Loneliness, Heartache and Loss, And there by my leash hides Fear and Shame.

As I look on these things I tried so hard to leave - I still have to unpack my baggage called Pain.
I loved them, the others, the ones who left me,
But I wasn't good enough - for they didn't want me.
Will you add to my baggage? Will you help me unpack?
Or will you just look at my things and take me right back?

Do you have the time to help me unpack?
To put away my baggage, To never re-pack?
I pray that you do - I'm so tired you see,
But I do come with baggage - Will you still want me?

By Evelyn Colbath