

BRINGING HOME A NEW KITTY

Things you should know before bringing home a new kitty, and introducing him to your household.

You must remember all our kitties come from the street; they are rescued from very stressful circumstances.

A lot of times their mothers are not fed good nutritious food while pregnant, they almost always have worms when they come to us along with a whole lot of other problems.

We do what we can to see that you are getting a kitty that has been tested for FELINE LEUKEMIA, and FIV, which is feline aids. We worm all cats and kittens when they come in. We de-flea all cats and kittens when they come in. A lot of times they might have something which cannot be seen and not always found in stool checks, such as coccidia, which is a bacterial infection of the intestines. It can be treated rather easily with the proper medication. But very important to know that it can be spread to your other cats via the litter box.

Another condition to watch for is Ringworm. It does not always show itself right away. It is a skin infection that is contagious to people and animals. Not all cats or persons will catch Ringworm. Ringworm can be found in your garden, sand boxes, and on any other animals which you may come in contact with. Ringworm is also easily treated with the proper medication.

We suggest a quarantine period in your home for a short period of time, about one week. This allows you to monitor the new cat for signs of illness that might appear after the stress of moving to a new home has lessened.

By keeping the cats apart and providing separate food and water bowls and litter boxes, you minimize the spread of disease. Make sure your cats vaccinations are up to date, and have your new cat examined by your veterinarian as soon as possible to make sure she is healthy and free of infections and parasites.

The most common problem you may have with a new kitty is feline upper respiratory. When cats get stressed they will almost always come down with a cold. Sometimes it is just some sneezing and coughing, but other times it can get rather serious. They might not be able to breath through their nose, their eyes can be become swollen and red with a discharge. They must be seen by a Vet. They will need antibiotics and possibly eye ointment. Remember that this is contagious to the rest of your cats. It is important you keep them separated until you are certain that your new kitty does not have Feline Upper Respiratory.

We at Adopt A Cat do everything we can to make these kitties well and ready to go to new homes. Just remember it is very stressful being in the shelter and being around a lot of other cats, it will be stressful again when they go to their new home, like children in a day care, they are liable to catch whatever is going around at the time.

Any questions you have I will try to answer to the best of my ability.

Thank You,

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ANIMAL.***

Date: _____

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