## Love them for life

## SO YOU ADOPTED A RESCUED CAT....

## Thank you for adopting a cat rescued by WLPA

World League for Protection of Animals(WLPA) is saddened that some 200,000 pets are killed in NSW pounds and shelters each year, making those rescued by WLPA lucky to be rescued by a no-kill agency. Many more are advertised as 'free' on Gumtree and are swapped or traded like an unwanted piece of used furniture. We value every rescued pet and hope this will never be the case for the pet you have made a commitment to.

We rescued your pet because your pet was either found lost or abandoned, or was born to an unwanted and undesexed cat, or in some other way was let down by his or her previous human/s. Your job now is to **love your pet for life**, for the whole of his or her **natural life** so he or she is *never* let down in life again.

This series of care guides aims to help you to do just that. They cover topics on feline 7development, nutrition, detecting illness and first aid for common pet problems. They do not replace professional veterinarian advice when your pet is ill. It goes without saying that seeking timely vet care is at the very core of responsible pet ownership.

As a new adoptive parent of a WLPA pet, you have important obligations as outlined in the Adoption Agreement that you signed. These include:

- 1. To return the kitten or cat within a week should you change your mind about adoption (and you will be refunded).
- 2. To accept at least one home visit to discuss the security and safety for your pet;
- 3. To return tents, carry cases and cages loaned to you by WLPA;
- 4. To make changes to your home or garden to ensure that the cat is safe from escape (or the adoption paperwork may not be finalised);
- 5. To stay in contact with WLPA when adopting very young kittens for a period of 4 months until the kitten is successfully desexed, is monitored and fully vaccinated;
- 6. To notify WLPA within 24 hours should your pet go missing;
- 7. To never convenience kill your pet should you be unable to continue care;
- 8. To give a month's notice should you not be able to continue being the parent of your cat and pay a surrender fee should you return him or her years from now.

Please read the care guides relevant to your new pet and we look forward to working with you as you love your pet for life!

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