



World League for Protection of Animals Inc (WLPA)

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## Cat and Kitten Adoption Agreement ('AN ANIMAL IS FOR LIFE')

# SPECIAL NEEDS: FIV + CATS

### PREAMBLE

WLPA frequently blood screens strays (abandoned cats) and community cats rescued from colonies if they are over 6 months and appear vulnerable.

This is done because WLPA is 'no kill' so we need to know who among them may have FIV or other vulnerabilities potentially contagious to other cats. This way, we know how to best house cats when in foster care and how to best manage their health and wellbeing and ultimately, what kind of forever home they need.

FIV stands for **Feline Immunodeficiency Virus**, a slow-acting virus weakening the cat's immune system. It is contagious between cats, particularly through males who are undesexed and who fight and bite.

Having FIV present in the blood does not mean the cat is currently sick, more that he or she is vulnerable to illness where another cat would have more resilience. The virus severely weakens the immune system especially when a cat is of advanced age. Thus, as with HIV in humans, a cat usually won't die of FIV, more will die due to FIV (that is, they contract other problems).

### Adopting an FIV cat is a commitment to meeting the special needs of the cat as follows:

- a) The cat MUST be indoors in a secure, warm, dry environment to protect his or her health from external threats to the immune system.
- b) The cat MUST be 100% secure so he or she does not roam nor become lost, nor suffer a slow and painful demise due to FIV, and so infection to other animals can not occur.
- c) The FIV cat may have the company of another cat where the other cat is also FIV or where the other cat is already of advanced age.
- d) The cat must be given a premium cat food diet to protect his or her overall health and wellbeing rather than cheap supermarket foods.

Office use only

**Paperwork given:**

Yes  No

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**Receipt number:**

- e) The merits of vaccination in an FIV cat living inside in a one or two cat household should be discussed with your veterinarian.
- f) The adoptive parent **MUST** regularly worm and deflea their indoor FIV cat a minimum of 3 monthly because if worms attack the organs, the animal will sicken very rapidly.
- g) The adoptive parent is advised to do the following DAILY 3x'r's:

**READ** the cat daily (look thoroughly at mouth, nose, breathing and bodily condition for symptoms)

**RESPOND EARLY** (eg call the vet or WLPA or treat cat for minor wounds, or give lysine for sniffles etc)

**RESPOND ADEQUATELY** (continue high quality care until symptoms are gone)

- h) If multiple infections take hold consider the humane euthanasia of the animal **only after seeking veterinarian advice as to the treatability of the condition in that individual** and weighing up his or her quality of life and considering the availability of supportive care to that cat. That is, do not allow an FIV cat to suffer symptoms his or her immune system cannot fight without medical aid.

**WLPA provides ongoing support to adult cats with FIV, particularly those rescued from 'hoarding' or serious animal overcrowding. Finding new loving adoptive parents for these special cats gives them a second chance at life.**

**Your cat/s qualify for continued WLPA support by way of visits, advice, and after hours emergency contact by an FIV-experienced animal welfare officer of WLPA.**

**YES**

**NO**

**Contact for support:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **What to look out for in your FIV cat**

Cats with FIV can be healthy looking but may get mild sniffles or they may suddenly get symptoms that progress to serious illness.

Adoptive parents of FIV cats should contact WLPA's veterinarian if noticing any of the following:

1. Enlarged lymph nodes
2. Fever
3. Anemia (white or pale pink tongue, lethargy)
- 4. Weight loss**
5. Disheveled coat
6. Poor appetite
7. Diarrhea
8. Abnormal appearance or inflammation of the eye (conjunctivitis)
9. Inflammation of the gums (gingivitis) (look for dribbling, smelly mouth)
10. Inflammation of the mouth (stomatitis) “ ”
11. Wounds that don't heal
12. Sneezing/ flu symptoms (discharge from eyes nose)
13. Behavior change including depression.

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## ADOPTIVE PARENT DETAILS

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of WLPA foster carer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Local Council where pet will be registered \_\_\_\_\_

I accept responsibility for the pet described below:

## ANIMAL DETAILS

CAT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BREED: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOURS \_\_\_\_\_

MICROCHIP NO:

**THE ONLY WLPA-AUTHORISED VET TREATMENT COVERED BY ADOPTION PLAN \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Deworm/DeFlea  Microchip  1<sup>st</sup> Vaccination  2<sup>nd</sup> Vaccination  Desexing

\*WLPA is **not responsible** for the cost of the 3<sup>rd</sup> kitten vaccination, or for any subsequent vet treatments apart from the above. Please liaise with WLPA to schedule vaccinations and desexing.

NEXT VACCINATION DATES: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE DUE FOR DESEXING: \_\_\_\_\_ NEXT WORMER \_\_\_\_\_

**I am 18 years of age or older and have read, understood and agree to the terms below:**

1. I agree to adopt the pet described above in his/her current condition, health and behaviour. I realise that any change in environment will stress the animal and agree to contain the cat/kitten in a small room or holding cage to reduce stress and enable the animal to start bonding with us and the new environment. (NB: OVERHANDLING & ROUGH PLAY CAUSES STRESS WHICH MAY IN TURN CAUSE FLU, INJURY AND/OR DIARRHOEA. KEEP NEW PET AWAY FROM OTHER PETS FOR AT LEAST 2 WEEKS FOR VACCINATION TO BE EFFECTIVE).
2. I agree to liaise with WLPA (Ph: 9817 4892 or email [admin@wlpa.org](mailto:admin@wlpa.org) or mob 0409 741414) to arrange for the kitten/cat to be desexed at approx. 5-6 months by the WLPA-nominated veterinary clinic. When authorised and booked by WLPA a check will be made to see if any other vet procedures are outstanding (eg 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccination). The desexing and services in the text box above are included within the adoption fee.
3. I understand that cats live to between 12-18 years or sometimes longer. **I understand the long-term responsibility of cat ownership and agree to make a lifelong commitment to this animal.**
4. I agree to provide a) bedding for my pet, b) access to food and water at all times, c) to monitor my pet for and treat for fleas, d) to de-worm my pet at least 3 monthly or as advised and care for my pet so he or she may become a member of our family.
5. If the pet is injured or sick I undertake to seek Veterinary help promptly and I agree to pay the costs of such veterinary care.
6. I agree to house **cats and kittens indoors in an escape-proof area for at least 3 months.** Kittens should not be let outside the home before 6 months of age and only where they are 100% safe from the street, traffic, dogs and safe from falls and only after being desexed.
7. If allowed outdoors, cats need to be called inside before **sunset and kept in overnight** for their safety and health and for the protection of nocturnal wildlife.
8. The information I have provided to the WLPA as to the property on which the pet is to be housed and my ability to maintain the pet in proper health is true and not misleading in any way.
9. If I feel the pet is unsuitable for any reason, I will contact the WLPA within 2 weeks and arrange a mutually convenient time to transport the animal to a WLPA carer.
10. If, for a valid reason, I negotiate with WLPA to return the pet to WLPA within 2 weeks, WLPA will reimburse the adoption fee less \$50 administration unless another WLPA cat is chosen in its place.
11. **If my circumstances change and I can't keep my cat or find a loving alternative home, I agree not to surrender my pet to a council pound or other shelter, charity or vet, nor to the RSPCA. I will instead discuss re-homing my cat with WLPA. I understand that WLPA is a 'No Kill' animal organisation and WLPA will, with reasonable notice, accept my surrendered pet for rehoming. A surrender fee of \$100-\$200 will be charged to cover a contribution toward the care of the animal for up to one year, after which WLPA will continue efforts to rehome the cat (caring for an indoor cat costs approx \$600 per year).**

12. I indemnify the World League for Protection of Animals Inc, its office holders, employees and volunteers for any liability, costs or expenses which arise as a result of my actions or omissions (including negligence) or the pet's condition, health or behaviour and I acknowledge that the World League for Protection of Animals (WLPA) is not liable or responsible for the pet after the date of this adoption.

Adoption Health Plan \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by Cash  Chq  Credit Card  PayPal

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Adopter Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(WLPA Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

*Thank you for helping WLPA cats have a chance at life*

*Remember Animals:  
They feel hunger, thirst, heat, cold, pain, fear and loneliness*