

# Registering Your Cat for Placement Assistance

## WITH THE FELINE FOUNDATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON, INC:

Please note that the assistance provided through our Placement Program is a voluntary service. While there is no time limit on how long your cat can be registered, unless your cat was adopted from FFGW, we cannot guarantee that your cat will be adopted and we are unable to take custody of your cat at any time. Regrettably, foster care is available only for rescued cats and kittens and FFGW adoptees. YOU are principally responsible for finding a new home for your cat. We encourage you to network with family, friends, coworkers and others, to advertise on your own and to register your cat with other rescue groups (see below) to give your cat the best possible chance of finding a new home within your time frame.

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out the Placement Assistance Form This gives us information that will help match your cat with appropriate prospective adopters. Please be complete and as specific as possible. Be sure to tell us about any special personality traits that your cat has (some cats chase their tail, play fetch or are very talkative, etc.). Feel free to attach extra pages, as needed. Keep the adoption contract for when an approved FFGW applicant comes to meet your cat in your home.
2. Please enclose a photo of your cat to put on our Adoption Board and our website. Digital photos may be e-mailed to [info@ffgw.org](mailto:info@ffgw.org). Please include your cat's name and your last name on the back of all photos or in the filename of digital photos.
3. Provide a COMPLETE LEGIBLE COPY OF YOUR CAT'S MEDICAL RECORDS showing that your cat is eligible for our services: The records must demonstrate that your cat has tested **negative** for feline leukemia (FeLV) and FIV. The FeLV/FIV test **MUST** be repeated by your veterinarian and be negative if your cat (a) is an indoor-outdoor cat or (b) since it was last tested, has lived with or been in contact with an untested cat or any cat known to be FeLV or FIV positive. Cats must also be current on rabies and

FVRCP/distemper vaccinations and free of parasites (fleas, ear mites, worms, etc.). Registered cats must be spayed or neutered if they are 6 months old or older.

4. MAIL (DO NOT FAX) the completed form, vet records and photo to:

Feline Foundation Placement Coordinator  
PO Box 3071 • Merrifield, VA 22116-3071

**FORMS RECEIVED WITHOUT VET RECORDS -- OR BY FAX -- WILL NOT BE PROCESSED**

5. Cooperate with our Adoption Procedures: If we find a suitable applicant, we will contact you to make arrangements for the person to meet your cat. We require you to obtain, and mail to us, a signed **Adoption Contract** (you sign the contract as FFGW's witness) and an **Adoption Donation** when the cat is picked up by its new owner. Donations help to offset the costs of veterinary care for rescued cats. Adoption Fairs are held monthly and we make every effort to include as many cats as we have available cage space—please wait for our call. Adoption Boards and flyers are posted in pet supply stores, veterinary offices and at special events. Notices are placed in area newspapers. Your cat's picture and short bio will also be posted on our website (ffgw.org).\_
6. **YOU MUST DISCLOSE BEHAVIOR AND MEDICAL PROBLEMS:** Please use extra pages to describe the problem. Details help assess the scope of problems a special adopter might be willing to live with. For behavioral issues or human medical problems, such as cat allergies, please consider contacting an FFGW counselor to see if there are alternatives to giving up your cat. Often, with a little patience, many situations can be worked through and corrected, enabling you to keep your pet. Call 703-920-8665 and leave a message in our Counseling Voice Mailbox (#7).\_
7. **Don't rely on FFGW alone:** Contact other groups, such as: 4 Paws 703-715-MEOW • Animal Allies 703-978-4462 • HART 703-691-4278 • Friends of Homeless Animals 703-385-0224 • SPCA of Northern Virginia 703-799-9390 • Washington Animal Rescue League 202-726-2556 • Cat Rescue of Maryland, Inc. 410-747-6595 and others listed on our website (www.ffgw.org). Other helpful suggestions for finding a home for your pet appear on a page on the Best Friends website (www.bestfriends.org) specifically dedicated to this subject.

