



Options for finding a new home for your cat/kitten



Furry Friends Rescue is an all-volunteer non-profit companion rescue organization for Northern California. We can only deal with friendly domestic cats and kittens.

For more information, or to sign up for our Guardian Assist or Surrender programs, visit our website at www.FurryFriendsRescue.org or call (510) 794-4703. Do not bring animals to showcase without prior arrangement from a FFR Adoption Counselor – to prevent the spread of illness/disease. Showcase volunteers are not equipped to handle intake during showcase. You can also check our “Resource” page for listings of other cat rescue groups, Humane Societies, SPCA and private shelters.

During kitten season, FFR, shelters and most rescue groups are full with kittens and nursing mother cats. Your help is needed to deal with the high numbers of orphan kitties.

Guardian Assistance

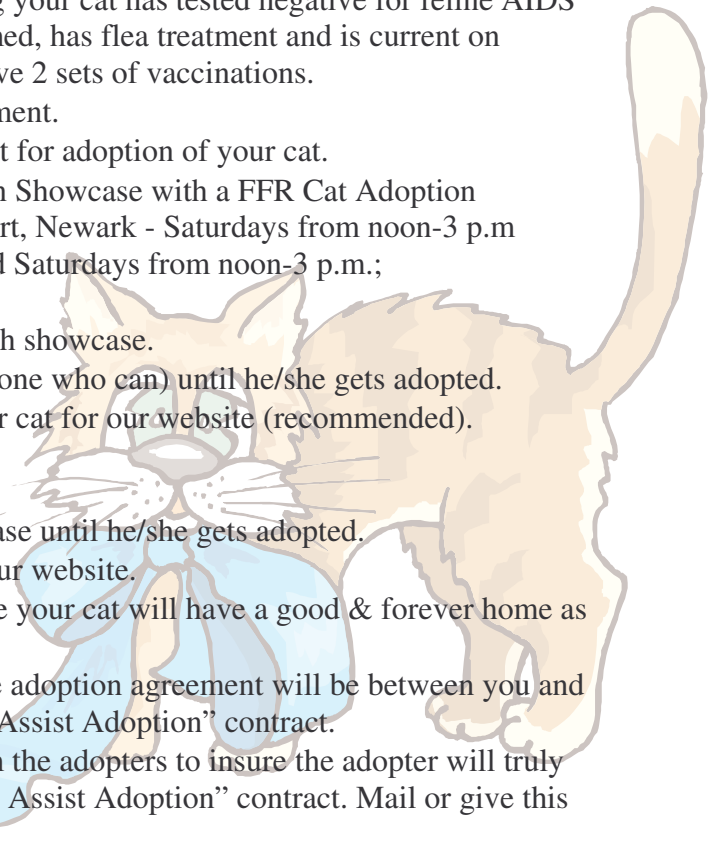
Furry Friends Rescue can try to assist you in finding a new home for your cat/kitten.

You will need to:

- Provide us with veterinary records showing your cat has tested negative for feline AIDS and leukemia, is spayed/neutered, de-wormed, has flea treatment and is current on vaccinations (3-1). Kittens will need to have 2 sets of vaccinations.
- Complete our FFR Guardian Assist Agreement.
- Use our Guardian Assist Adoption Contract for adoption of your cat.
- Schedule you cat or kitten for our Adoption Showcase with a FFR Cat Adoption Counselor. FFR Showcases are at: PetsMart, Newark - Saturdays from noon-3 p.m. Petco, Fremont - Fridays from 5-8 p.m. and Saturdays from noon-3 p.m.; Pet Club, Mt. View – Saturdays 1-4 pm.
- Pick up your cat promptly at the end of each showcase.
- Continue to care for your cat (or find someone who can) until he/she gets adopted.
- Provide a digital photo and info. about your cat for our website (recommended).

Furry Friends Rescue volunteers will assist:

- Show your cat at our Cat Adoption Showcase until he/she gets adopted.
- Post your cat's photo and information on our website.
- Help screen potential adopters to make sure your cat will have a good & forever home as an indoor kitty.
- Handle the application and paperwork. The adoption agreement will be between you and the adopters, not FFR. Use the “Guardian Assist Adoption” contract.
- Ask for a minimum \$30-\$50 donation from the adopters to insure the adopter will truly care and value him or her. (Use “Guardian Assist Adoption” contract. Mail or give this contract and donation to FFR).



Guardian Surrender

If you cannot keep your cat and if we have a foster home, you can surrender the cat to FFR. *However*, most of the time our foster homes are full, especially during kitten season (spring through fall), so this option is rarely available.

You will need to:

- Provide us with veterinary records showing your cat has tested negative for feline AIDS and leukemia. We can give you a list of vets to contact if you do not have one.
- Complete a FFR Guardian Surrender form.

Make a \$50 donation to Furry Friend Rescue if your cat has complete vet care: Combo test (needs to be negative), 3-1 shots, de-wormed, has flea treatment, and is spayed or neutered. If the cat is not spayed or neutered or requires any other vet care, an additional donation is needed to defray our cost for vet exam, shots, deworm, flea treatment and spay/neuter (about \$80-\$120).

Furry Friends Rescue volunteers will:

- Ensure your cat is spayed/neutered, de-wormed, healthy and current on vaccinations.
- Care for your cat in a FFR foster home until he or she is adopted.
- Handle all aspects of his/her adoption.

SHELTERS: See the “Resource” page on our website for listings of all California shelters.

Tri-City Animal Shelter

If you are a resident of Fremont, Newark or Union City, you can surrender your cat to the shelter, located at 1950 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, during regular shelter hours. (At the time of this printing, Tuesdays through Fridays noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.). There is a possibility your cat will be euthanized since they can only hold cats for adoption for a certain number of days or until they are too full. You can learn more about shelter policies and procedures by visiting the shelter or calling 790-6640, ext. 0.

Hayward Animal Shelter, Hayward - 510-293-7200 ext. 10

Fairmont Shelter, San Leandro - (510) 667-7736 or (510) 352-0598

Humane Society of Silicon Valley, Santa Clara – www.HSSV.org 408-727-3383

Peninsula Humane Society, San Mateo – 650-340-7025 –offers low cost spay/neuter

Frequently Asked Questions

How long does it take for a cat to get adopted?

There is no way to predict. It may get adopted the first time he or she is showcased or it may more likely take weeks or even months. Generally speaking, kittens get adopted sooner than adult cats. The younger, healthier and friendlier the cat is, the sooner it is likely to get adopted.

Why can't you take my cat now?

FFR is an all-volunteer organization. We do not have a shelter – all our cats are fostered in our homes until they are adopted. Most of the time, especially during kitten season (spring through fall), our foster homes are at maximum capacity. Even if we have an opening, your cat must first be tested to make sure it doesn't have a fatal disease that would be contagious to our other cats.

Why do you require a donation for adoptions?

Two reasons. First, it is never advisable to give a pet to a stranger for free. He/she could be an abuser, use the cat for pit bait, lab research or looking for a meal for a pet boa constrictor! Also, “free” implies disposable. If someone can't afford the nominal adoption amount, they can't afford to care for your pet as it deserves. Second, it helps defray FFR's expenses. The average healthy cat or kitten typically costs FFR much more for basic veterinary care and necessities (like food and litter) than is covered by our adoption donation.

Wouldn't my cat be better off if I let it loose than took it to a shelter?

Absolutely not! Cats are domestic animals that are not prepared to fend for themselves. Your cat depends on you to be his or her guardian, and his or her life is in your hands. Your cat's chances of surviving the shelter are far better than its chances of surviving on its own in the streets where they usually end up starving, hit by a car, picked up by an abusive person, or mauled by a non-cat friendly dog, raccoon or feral cats. The chances of him or her being found and cared for by a good Samaritan is very slim. If you can't give your cat the life it deserves, accept responsibility for guaranteeing it won't spend the remainder of its days suffering from fear, hunger, injury, disease, cold, abuse and neglect.

What can I do about stray/feral cats in my neighborhood?

Visit www.furryfriendsrescue.org and click on “Resources” for a list of more feral cat rescue groups/programs, low cost or free spay/neuter, local animal shelters or humane societies.

- Tri-City Animal Shelter, Fremont (510) 790-6640 ext. 0.
- Hayward Animal Shelter, Hayward (510) 293-7200
- Hayward Friends of Animals Humane Society (510) 886-7546 – Free sp/n for feral cats
- Friends of Fairmont, San Leandro, Castro Valley, parts of Hayward -510-520-5882 www.fofas.org
Free sp/n for feral cats. Low cost for domestic cats & dogs.
- Humane Society of Silicon Valley, Santa Clara – www.HSSV.org 408-727-3383 – low cost sp/n
- Pets in Need, Redwood City - 650-367-1405 www.PetsInNeed.org
- Peninsula Humane Society, San Mateo – 650-340-7025 - offers low cost sp/n
- Feral Animal Spay/Neuter Assistance, (650) 363-4840 - Free sp/n for feral cats
- Silicon Valley Friends of Feral, (650) 592-1390 www.svff.org - Trap & s/n for feral cats
- Fix Our Ferals, Berkeley/East Bay - 510-433-9446 www.fixourferals.org
- East Bay SPCA (EBSPCA) - Oakland 510-639-7387 Dublin 925-479-9674 www.eastbayspca.org