

MAT VALLEY KITTIES RESCUE GROUP

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION SHEET. IT IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU AND TO HELP YOUR KITTY ADJUST TO ITS NEW HOME. THESE ARE HELPFUL HINTS. WE HOPE THEY HELP!

- ∞ **Keep kitty confined in a small area such as a bedroom.** This is for safety and to help it fit in slowly. A house is big and very scary for your new small fur ball. It can hide for days if set free in the house right away. Take kitty out to play and then put him back when you are done. They like their SAFE room and will go there on their own, as they get older. Moving to a new home is stressful and stress can actually make your kitty very sick. Watch closely for signs. (Sleeping a lot, not eating, hiding.)
- ∞ **Make a bed (preferably covered with sides) to make it feel safe, and have food, water, litter box, toys and scratching post close by.** Their memory is very short. So don't "hide" the litter box. Keep in a very open space so they won't have an accident.
- ∞ **Feed your kitty the same food as we have.** If you must change the food, mix the old and the new so the kitty does not get the runs. Slowly decrease the amount of the old food and increase the new food. It will take a few weeks to adjust. Do not feed kitty people food - especially milk! Kitties cannot digest it.
- ∞ **MAKE SURE YOUR KITTY IS DRINKING WATER! THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IF IT IS JUST BEING TAKEN FROM ITS MOM. ONE DAY WITHOUT DRINKING CAN LEAD TO DEHYDRATION AND CAN KILL THE KITTY.** If the kitty is not drinking, mix water with canned food to tempt it to drink. If that does not work, take it to the vet immediately as there is something wrong!
- ∞ **Introduce other animals VERY SLOWLY.** Rub a towel all over the new kitty and throw it in the living room one day, kitchen the next. Your existing pet will get used to the new animal's smell long before they meet face to face and it will reduce the first encounter stress level. Let them sniff under the door too. After about 3-5 days, start to introduce your kitty by holding apart several feet. **Your old animal may not be as excited about your new kitty as you are. Give them time to adjust and get to know one another.**
- ∞ **YOU PROMISED TO KEEP YOUR KITTY INSIDE!** Please remember there are a lot of dangers out there. We have gone to a great deal of effort to save this kitty's life once already. You will save on vet bills and your kitty will live a longer life by staying indoors.
- ∞ **REMEMBER TO SPAY/NEUTER BY 4 to 6 MONTHS OF AGE AND SEND US PROOF.** We are dedicated to stopping the overpopulation and unnecessary killing of unwanted animals. **WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RECLAIM YOUR KITTY IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY.**
- ∞ **And most of all enjoy your new family member!!!** If you have any questions, call Susan @ 841-7711 or the kitty's foster home @_____.