

Intake Policy

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RappCats is a Virginia nonprofit corporation. The Internal Revenue Service determined that RappCats is exempt from federal income taxes and eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in 2009.

RappCats is a nonprofit organization working to help the stray, abused, abandoned, and unwanted cats of Rappahannock County. We offer a central point of contact to provide information and options for low-cost spay/neuter, veterinary care, temporary and permanent homes. Our immediate mission is to create a sustainable cat rescue for our community.

RappCats is strictly no-kill, meaning that we euthanize only those cats physically suffering irremediably, even if no home can be found for them.

We operate the only state-approved cat shelter in Rappahannock County and we help only Rappahannock County residents and cats within the county's borders.

We have a strict intake policy for the cat shelter:

- 1. The cat must be owned by, or have been found by, a Rappahannock County resident.
- 2. We take cats into the shelter or into foster homes only if they are friendly (meaning they can be picked up and put into a crate) and free from FIV/FELV.
- 3. We must have space available either in the shelter or at an approved foster home.
- 4. Kittens under the age of 6 months must be housed in foster homes.

We also help residents dealing with wild or truly feral cats by helping them to care for such cats responsibly outside, or by finding the cats barn homes.