**VDACS**

**Animal Intake General Policy**

**2025**

**Operation Git-Meow Inc.**

Operation Git-Meow operates as a “No-Kill” cat rescue that does TNR and takes in kittens of age to be socialized, stray adults not thriving outside who are not good candidates for TNR, and cats from Guantanamo Bay whose owners cannot keep them and surrender them to OGM for adoption. We will work with other releasing agencies to transfer out or intake cats mainly from colony sites through TNR work or Guantanamo Bay rescues. We have limited space as a foster only rescue without a physical facility, therefore we must be careful about how many cats we take in at a time and what types of cats meet our criteria. For cats and kittens to be taken into our group they must be:

* Adults living outside not thriving, without a caretaker and safe living situation.
* Kittens still young enough to be socialized by humans.
* Animals that we have sufficient funds to treat. We cannot take animals with extensive medical conditions if we cannot afford to treat and we would have to refer to another organization or shelter that is equipped to handle situations of that sort both medically as well as financially.
* Some level of socialized to the point that humans can touch them at least by their caretakers. If an animal is untouchable it does not meet our standard of socialization to be a candidate for our rescue and we would TNR that cat.
* Cats rescued from Guantanamo Bay who meet our socialization requirements. These must also be adult strays living outside without a home or owner or kittens young enough for socialization.
* Cats from other releasing agencies doing TNR work. We make sure to verify these organizations are operating legally and following VA law.
* Animals we previously adopted out whose owners cannot keep them anymore.

We focus on community cats and kittens and helping the situation at Guantanamo Bay. The goal of our organization is to decrease the number of unfixed and unvaccinated cats free roaming both here in VA and in Guantanamo Bay. We focus on TNR, early spay/neuter, and strays and not cats already in shelters’ adoption programs because our goal is to prevent cats who can live happily inside from going back outside, and to prevent those cats that do have to go back outside from continuing to breed and roam unvaccinated. We take back all animals we adopt out in the event an owner cannot keep them so that we can adopt them out again.