

Coastal Purrs Cat Rescue Intake Policy

A 501c3 foster home-based rescue, CPR services the Hampton Roads area, also known as Tidewater or the "7 Cities". We accept intakes, as space and resources allow, from Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, and Portsmouth primarily. Cats and kittens in Suffolk, Hampton, and Newport News are also considered, but not prioritized. We do not accept intakes from North Carolina, or out of state, except in extremely rare circumstances.

Our cats and kittens are primarily intaken from trapping efforts in areas with ferals, reported to us by concerned citizens. All kittens found at active trap sites are retained, socialized, vetted, and placed up for adoption. All strays, dumps, and friendly cats, found having matriculated into feral colonies, are retained for stray hold with every effort to locate a possible owner being made and stray holds being reported to the city in which the cat was found. After 21-30 days of quarantine (to include the reported 10 day stray hold), friendly cats are placed up for adoption. We utilize microchip scanning, social media, local lost pet resources, and stray hold reporting to reunite lost pets with owners whenever possible.

In addition to trapped animals, we also accept limited owner surrenders and some transfers from other shelters, particularly when animals are slated for euthanasia, due to space or illness. We specifically target feral and semi-feral cats, which we place in our barn cat program, FIV and FeLV cats, for which we have specific special needs foster homes, and kittens slated for euthanasia due to ring worm or other 100% curable diseases.

Intake decisions are primarily based on space, financial resources available, and ease of adoptability. To make intake decisions subjective, an intake scoring tool is used to decide which animals to take vs. refer to other rescues, when limited space is available during peak seasons. When CPR is full, concerned citizens are encouraged to contact local shelters and SPCAs with no kill policies and low euthanasia rates, as well as other cat rescues in our geographical area. We do maintain a wait list for peak seasons and will place concerned citizens on it and notify them as space becomes available for their cats or kittens.

All animals we intake are held in quarantine for a minimum of 21-30 days depending on their location of origin and then begin the process of parasite treatment, vaccines, spay/neuter, and socialization for adoption.

Any further questions regarding our intake policy can be directed to Annette Sala, President.