

Animal Intake Policy

Effective Date: 12/28/2024

Purpose

Kitten Chaos Plus Cat Rescue, Inc. is a foster-based, nonprofit animal rescue organization dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming cats and kittens in need. This Animal Intake Policy ensures humane care, responsible capacity management, and compliance with Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) regulations.

Intake Authority

All animal intake decisions must be approved by the **Executive Director/Founder** or a designated leadership representative authorized by the Executive Director.

No volunteer, foster, or board member may independently accept animals into the rescue without approval.

Types of Animals Accepted

Kitten Chaos Plus Cat Rescue, Inc primarily accepts:

- Domestic cats and kittens
- Orphaned kittens
- Stray or abandoned cats
- Owner surrenders when space and resources allow
- Cats from partner shelters or rescues when capacity permits

The rescue does not accept wildlife or animals outside its mission focus.

Intake Capacity & Space Management

Animals are only accepted when:

- Foster homes or safe housing is available
- Financial resources allow for proper medical care
- The intake will not compromise the welfare of current animals in care

If capacity is reached, intake will be temporarily paused or animals are referred to partner organizations.

Intake Evaluation Process

Each animal is evaluated prior to acceptance for:

- Apparent health condition(s)
- Age and special needs
- Temperament and safety
- Urgency of situation

When possible, animals receive an initial veterinary assessment or are scheduled promptly after intake.

Medical Care Upon Intake

All animals entering Kitten Chaos Plus Cat Rescue receive appropriate veterinary care, which may include:

- Health examinations
- Vaccinations (age appropriate)
- Deworming and parasite prevention
- Spay/neuter surgery when age and health permit
- Treatment for illness or injury as needed

Medical records are maintained for each animal.

Quarantine & Disease Prevention

When necessary, animals are:

- Quarantined from other animals
- Monitored for signs of illness
- Cleared medically before group housing or adoption events

Owner Surrender Procedures

Owner surrenders may be accepted by appointment only and must include:

- Completion of an intake/surrender form
- Disclosure of medical and behavioral history
- Proof of ownership when available

Surrenders are accepted based on capacity and urgency.

Stray & Emergency Intakes

Stray or emergency animals may be accepted based on:

- Immediate safety concerns
- Available foster or medical care
- Coordination with local shelters or animal control when appropriate

Transfers & Partnerships

Kitten Chaos Plus Cat Rescue may accept animals from:

- Municipal shelters
- Other rescues
- Community partners

Humane Commitment

The rescue is committed to:

- Never euthanizing for space
- Prioritizing animal welfare and safety
- Providing appropriate care until adoption

Euthanasia is considered only when medically necessary and advised by a licensed veterinarian to prevent suffering.

Record Keeping

For every intake, the rescue maintains:

- Intake date and source
- Medical treatments
- Foster placement
- Adoption or outcome records

Policy Review

This policy is reviewed annually or as regulations change to ensure compliance with VDACS and best practices in animal rescue.

Approved by:

Kitten Chaos Plus Cat Rescue, Inc. Leadership