

KD Kitties Rescue & Sanctuary Intake Policy



KD Kitties Rescue & Sanctuary (KDKRS) is a 501(c)(3) cat rescue and sanctuary located in Toano, Virginia. Our mission is to protect and advocate for feral and friendly cats currently or formerly living at Kings Dominion theme park in Doswell, VA. We aim to provide a better life through sterilization, socialization, foster/adoption, and ongoing care including feeding and monitoring existing colonies, veterinary care at local clinics to ensure cats remain healthy and up-to-date on all vaccines, and to provide a safe place for cats while we work to find them a forever home.

Intake Policy

Cats may be accepted into KDKRS through the following sources:

- TNVR trapping operations at Kings Dominion
- Referrals from Kings Dominion staff or authorized representatives
- Community caregivers associated with managed colonies

Most cats accepted have **no known individual owner** and are considered **community animals**.

KDKRS accepts **cats only**, including:

- Feral or free-roaming community cats
- Semi-feral cats
- Socialized stray cats
- Abandoned or displaced cats
- Cats requiring medical intervention

Dogs and other species are not accepted.

Limited Intake Outside Primary Service Area

While KDKRS primarily serves cats originating from Kings Dominion theme park in Doswell, Virginia, the organization may, on a **limited and discretionary basis**, accept cats from outside this primary service area under the following circumstances:

- The cat is suffering from a **medical emergency or urgent condition** requiring immediate care; or
- Extenuating circumstances exist that, in the judgment of KDKRS, warrant intake in the interest of animal welfare.

Such intakes are **exceptional in nature** and do not constitute routine or open admission. Acceptance of cats outside the primary service area is subject to:

- Available resources
- Medical or safety considerations
- Organizational capacity

KDKRS reserves the right to decline intake outside its primary service area when such intake would compromise the care of cats already under its responsibility.

Intake Procedures

Upon intake, each cat is assigned an intake record. Due to the feral nature of most cats:

- Physical handling at intake may not be possible
- Intake assessments may be **visual only**
- Age, sex, and health status may be **estimated**

Cats may be transported directly to:

- Veterinary providers

- TNVR processing
- Sanctuary housing
- Foster or adoption placement (if appropriate)

KDKRS maintains intake and disposition records for each cat, including when available:

- Date of intake
- Intake location (e.g., Kings Dominion, colony designation, or general area)
- Approximate age
- Sex (if determinable)
- Color and identifying markings
- Reason for intake
- Medical treatment provided
- Final disposition

All records are retained for **a minimum of five (5) years following final disposition** and are made available to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) or law enforcement upon request, in accordance with Virginia law.

TNVR Program

Cats accepted for TNVR are humanely trapped and, when feasible:

- Spayed or neutered
- Vaccinated against Rabies, FeLV, & Distemper
- Ear-tipped & Microchipped for identification

Following recovery, cats are returned to their original location unless medical or safety concerns require alternative placement.

Adoption Program

Cats may be evaluated for adoption if they demonstrate:

- Social behavior
- Medical stability
- Suitability for placement in a domestic home

Adoption determinations are made at the discretion of KDKRS based on the best interest of the individual cat.

Foster Homes

When foster homes are utilized:

- Foster caregivers must attest they have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment
- Foster placement may be used for medical recovery or socialization

Some cats may be ineligible for foster placement due to feral behavior or safety concerns.

Sanctuary Care

Cats deemed unadoptable due to feral behavior, medical conditions, or long-term temperament concerns may be placed into **permanent sanctuary care** under KDKRS. Sanctuary cats receive ongoing food, shelter, and veterinary care for the duration of their lives, as resources allow.

Transfers to Other Organizations

KDKRS may, when necessary, transfer a cat to another licensed rescue organization, animal shelter, or veterinary facility due to limitations related to space, funding, medical needs, or specialized care requirements.

Transfers may occur only when KDKRS determines that such transfer is in the best interest of the cat. Reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that the receiving organization is reputable and capable of providing appropriate care.

All transfers are documented in the cat's intake record, including the date of transfer and the receiving organization.

KDKRS retains discretion to determine when transfer is appropriate and is not obligated to retain custody of any animal beyond its reasonable capacity.

Veterinary and Medical Care

KDKRS provides veterinary care as deemed necessary and feasible, which may include:

- Spay/neuter surgery
- Vaccinations
- Treatment for illness or injury
- Parasite prevention and control

Sedation may be utilized for medical treatment to ensure the safety of the animal and caregivers.

Euthanasia

Humane euthanasia may be performed by a licensed veterinarian when a cat is suffering from:

- Severe or catastrophic injury
- Untreatable illness
- Rabies exposure
- Conditions that significantly compromise quality of life

All euthanasia decisions are made with consideration for animal welfare and public safety.

Statement of Authority

This Animal Intake Policy is adopted by the Board of Directors of **KDKRS** and is implemented under the authority of the organization's governing body.

The Board of Directors delegates authority to the organization's officers, directors, and designated agents to interpret and implement this policy, including making intake determinations consistent with the organization's mission, available resources, and applicable Virginia law.

This policy does not create a legal obligation to accept any animal and may be amended by the Board of Directors as necessary.

Policy Review and Filing

This intake policy is reviewed annually and filed with the **Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of the State Veterinarian**, in compliance with applicable Virginia law.