



Cat/Kitten Adoption Information



***CONGRATULATIONS on adopting a feline friend from Geelong Animal Welfare Society to be a part of your family!
Please read the following information carefully, and contact us on (03) 5248 2091 if you have any questions.***

VACCINATIONS

Your new Cat has been vaccinated with a F4 Vaccination. This vaccine is to protect your new pet from Panleucopenia, Herpesvirus, Calicivirus and Chlamydia. It takes approximately 2 weeks after your pet's vaccination for the vaccine immunity to be effective, during this time your cat should be isolated from all cats unless you know the other cat is fully vaccinated. GAWS highly recommend isolating your cat until the 2 week period is over. Check your pet's VACCINATION CARD that has been provided in your adoption pack for their last vaccination and the due date of the next vaccination.

Any vaccination due after the date of adoption will not be covered by GAWS but an appointment can be made at our vet clinic for \$85 for the F4 vaccination, you are welcome to bring your other pets to the vet clinic also!

FLEA & WORMING

Whilst staying at GAWS your pet has been treated for Fleas and worms, but, we highly recommend starting your new pet on a monthly flea and worm treatment as soon as you get them home. We highly recommend Revolution or Advocate, both are easy spot on monthly treatments for fleas and worms, ask one of our staff for any information.

Worming schedules may differ between products. GAWS recommend Paragard All wormer treatment. Cats generally need to be treated with a worming treatment every 3 months.

FEEDING

Cats are Carnivores, so they eat primarily meat. Your cat will need a variety of meats in its diet such as fish, beef, chicken, lamb. We recommend Hill's Science Diet as this is what we feed in the Shelter, Hill's is available for purchase in Reception at GAWS. Kittens will need to be fed kitten specific food until they are 12 months old. We DO NOT recommend cow's milk or cat milk as most cats are lactose intolerant and this may cause them to have diarrhoea or vomiting.

SETTLING YOUR NEW CAT

Do not allow your new cat outside for at least 4 weeks. Being brought into a new environment can be very stressful and overwhelming, especially for a kitten that may be without its littermates and mother for the first time. Your new home will be full of new smells, new people and noises. On arrival, pat and calmly talk to our cat, allow them to exit their carrier when they are ready, do not force interaction. Please ensure children are supervised around your new cat at all times. Introduce your new cat slowly to other animals in the house, this may take some time.