

### MANEKI NEKO CAT RESCUE

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# Congratulations on adopting your new cat or kitten!

Maneki Neko Cat Rescue would like to help ensure you and your new companion/s have a long and happy life together. Please be advised that if you should find that you are not a purrfect match, or if you need to rehome your new pet at any stage of its life, Maneki Neko Cat Rescue will take the cat back into care and find a new home.

- Health checked
- Desexed
- Microchipped
- Vaccinated with an inactive F3 vaccine
- Treated with parasite control

## Free health check/vet consultation @ Vets in Melbourne

Our partnering Vet Clinics offer a free health check/vet consultation to all our new adopters if you book in within 7 days after adoption from Maneki Neko Cat Rescue.

Please call to make an appointment. We strongly recommend that you take advantage of this offer.

### **Health Warranty**

Maneki Neko Cat Rescue provides a 7day health warranty on all adoptions. Although all our cats and kittens are health checked prior to adoption, sometimes the stress of a new environment can upset their immune systems.

Should your new companion should fall ill in the first 7 days after adoption please call to book an appointment. Alternatively you can return the cat to our care for a full refund.

Maneki Neko Cat Rescue will cover all costs including any medication that may be required. Please note we will only cover medical costs of cats seen at our partnering Vet.

This warranty does not cover accident or injury.

For all questions regarding the adoption process or returning a kitten/cat please contact us on 0459 779 888 or email Samantha@neko.org.au.

## For any health concerns please book an appointment:

Vets on Parker	9850 1355 33-35	Parker St, Templestowe
Vets on Balwyn	9857 8100 341	Balwyn Rd, North Balwyn
Vets in Endeavour Hills	9700 2264 63	Monkhouse Drv, Endeavour Hills
Vets in Cranbourne	5995 3444 199	South GippIsland Hwy, Cranbourne











#### **Vaccinations**

To ensure they are vaccinated against the most common viruses we vaccinate our cats and kittens with an F3 or F4 vaccine.

Certificates will be emailed to you in the coming weeks.

As kittens they require 3 vaccinations every 4 weeks to ensure immunity, then annual vaccinations every year.

If the cats are older and we are unaware of previous vaccination history we may recommend boosting the initial vaccination 4 weeks later.

Your new companion's vaccination is next due on \_\_\_\_\_\_.

# **Food Requirements**

Cats and kittens have sensitive stomachs and may develop diarrhoea or vomiting if new food is introduced quickly.

It is recommended you transition their food if you wish to change their diets. A transition should occur over a week to ten days with small amounts of the new food being introduced mixed in with the old and more added each day while the old food is slowly reduced.

Kittens should eat three meals a day until six months of age then two meals a day. Adult cats should be on a diet with larger kibble to help keep their teeth nice and clean.

Whilst in care your cat was being fed:

Dry Food		
Wet Food -	Х	Daily.

## **Kitty Litter Advice**

Your kitten/cat is fully litter trained but in a new home accidents may occur. A handy tip to help prevent these accidents is to initially use the same litter we have been using (so there is no confusion) and to make sure a litter tray is in the first room they are introduced to.

As a rule of thumb you should have as many litter trays as you have cats, plus one (e.g. 2cats = 3 litter trays). In multi-storey houses you should have a litter tray on each level.

We also strongly recommend keeping your new pet indoors only (or in a cat run) for the first three months as this is the most likely time that they will wander and potentially get lost or injured. Cats can be happily kept indoor only for life as this will reduce the likelihood of them becoming ill or injured.



## Introducing cats to your household

A slow introduction to your house and other pets is strongly recommended. When you get your new feline home please set them up in a single room with litter tray, food and water.

Give them a minimum of 1 hour alone time in their room to settle and adjust to the new smells and sounds.

Your human family may then join them in the room. After 24 hours if your new cat is settled you may open doors to the rest of the house for them to explore. Please lock away any other animal residents during this time.

Cats are less likely to like each other if they smell differently so ensure your new resident has plenty of time in the house to start smelling like it before introducing to other cats.

Once your cat is confident with the house you may introduce them slowly to other animal residents. **Never hold 2 cats up to one another**.

Allow cats to enter the room on their own and ensure they have plenty of exits if they want to leave. Cats can take up to 2 weeks to establish a friendship with each other and in this time they may fight occasionally to establish their new hierarchy.

If you have dogs allow them to see the cat through a door, window or barrier so the cat can inspect them without interacting. Place the dog on a lead for the first few interaction without a barrier. Cats will often put the dog "in their place" by hissing or swiping at them during the first interactions. This is perfectly normal, just keep an eye out for scratches near your dog's eyes. All new relationships can take time, so patience is necessary.

#### **Microchip**

Your new companion is already microchipped and you would have filled in paperwork to change the ownership over to yourself. You will receive a certificate from the chip company via e-mail. This can take up to 6 weeks.

Should you change address or phone numbers during the cat's life time please make sure you update your details with the chip company.

# **Council Registration**

Most councils require cats and dogs three months and older to be registered. This is your responsibility. Visit your local council's website and follow the links to Pet Registration to do so.

### If things don't work out

A reminder that if your new companion isn't the right fit with your family or if during their lifetime you are no longer able to care for them Maneki Neko Cat Rescue will accept them back.

Please do not surrender your cat to another shelter or pound.