



Purebred Cat Breed Rescue

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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BASICS:

* "Purebred", as used herein for purposes of rescue only, is defined as: any cat which appears to look like or closely resemble a breed fully recognized by The International Cat Association, Inc, the American Cat Fanciers Association, Inc. or the Cat Fanciers Association, Inc. "Purebred mix" is defined, for purposes of rescue only, as: any cat which appears to have several significant characteristics of a breed fully recognized by The International Cat Association, Inc, the American Cat Fanciers Association, Inc. or the Cat Fanciers Association, Inc, but which lacks the combination of features, colors, and/or conformation that are expected in that breed.

* To be maximally effective, the rescue of purebreds from dangerous situations must be the top priority of Purebred Cat Breed Rescue efforts. In civil seizure and hoarder situations where both purebred and large numbers of domestic cats are involved, Purebred Cat Breed Rescue will make every effort to coordinate with general domestic cat rescues to get ALL cats involved in the situation to safety. Purebred Cat Breed Rescue does appreciate and support efforts to get any at-risk cat to safety or provide rescue and will aid in such efforts when feasible.

* Cats in Rescue will not be declawed.

* Cats in Rescue will not be used for breeding or allowed to breed. All cats and kittens will be spayed or neutered before placement in adoptive homes if not previously spayed or neutered.

* Cats in Rescue will never be allowed to roam free outdoors.

* All cats will be FIV/FELV tested, up to date on rabies and FCRVP vaccinations, and spayed/neutered before adoption unless contraindicated for veterinary health reasons.

* If it is possible to have cats microchipped at reasonable rates and with reasonable access to such services as determined by the Purebred Rescue Board of Directors, all cats will be microchipped prior to placement.

* Cats in the care of Purebred Cat Breed Rescue are never to be sold or given to a laboratory or research facility. However, with prior approval by the Purebred Rescue Board of Directors, cats in rescue may participate in research studies that do no harm to the animal.

*Cats PCBR is dealing with in hoarding situations will never be turned over to rescues/shelters which euthanize cats due to space considerations and do not limit euthanasia to rare cases where a veterinarian concurs that euthanasia is an act of kindness due to poor quality of life.

* Rights of ownership will be recognized when a cat is microchipped in the name of the person claiming ownership.

Sources of cats:

- Purebred Cat Breed Rescue rescues purebreds from kill shelters as space allows.
- Purebred Cat Breed Rescue does not take owner relinquishments except in extraordinary cases (owner going into nursing home, owner seriously acutely disabled, owner died, family cannot take, etc). In extraordinary cases where we accept owner relinquishments, the owner(s) must sign our owner relinquishment form.
- Purebred Cat Breed Rescue does not rescue purebreds from shelters if the cats are not at risk unless specifically asked to do so by the shelter and then only under special circumstances approved by the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue National Coordinator or at least two Purebred Rescue Board Members.
- Purebred Cat Breed Rescue does not accept cats from breeders unless they will stop breeding cats for a minimum of 5 years, allow all cats they presently own to be spayed and neutered, AND sign our breeder-owner relinquishment form accepting a financial penalty if they do start breeding cats again within 5 years.
- Purebred Cat Breed Rescue does not participate in cattery reductions. Purebred Cat Breed Rescue will not participate in rescuing cats seized by authorities if the seizure simply is simply aimed at cattery reduction, but not the spay and neuter of all cats left with the breeder and cessation of breeding at that cattery.
- When PCBR agrees to take a purebred member of a bonded pair, PCBR also will rescue the other member of the pair, whether purebred, mix, or non-purebred domestic.

Euthanasia Guidelines:

- Purebred Cat Breed Rescue does not euthanize animals due to lack of space, age, or difficulty adopting the animal out.
- Purebred Cat Breed Rescue does euthanize animals when it is decided by at least two Purebred Rescue Board Members in consultation with a veterinarian:
 - that the cat's quality of life is so poor that euthanasia would be a kindness.
 - that the animal is deemed so dangerous or unable to be handled as to jeopardize public safety and that further no rehabilitation efforts are likely to be successful.
 - that the animal is in such chronic intractable pain that euthanasia would be a kindness.

Long-term Foster homes for Purebred Cat Breed Rescue:

- Foster homes referred to in this section are those fostering cats as agents for PCBR.
- All long-term foster homes must be screened using our screening forms (online or paper forms) OR must be screened and approved fosters for an affiliated 501(c) rescue.
- A veterinary recommendation and history must be obtained directly from the veterinarian using our vet reference form (see vet reference form) before that long-term foster volunteer is approved. A call to the vet to verify their signature and ask follow-up questions may be required. If the long-term foster applicant has not had animals or a veterinarian previously, or their veterinarian has died or is otherwise reasonably unavailable, at least three recommendations from quality references who have been in their home must be provided and such fosters must have a home inspection/visit and be otherwise closely monitored and mentored.
- An unannounced home visit may be done on long-term fosters if there is any question raised at all about the quality of the environment at any time.
- All long-term foster homes must have the ability to isolate a cat in a separate room and cage if necessary and must have a basic understanding of isolation techniques and the associated risks to their own animals.
- All animals owned by the long-term foster must be up to date on routine vaccinations against feline panleukopenia, feline herpesvirus-1, and feline calicivirus

- Any cat going into a long-term foster home that also has breeding animals must be s/n before placement in the foster home or, if that is not possible, s/n within a week unless a veterinarian certifies that the cat's physical condition precludes surgery or unless the cat is nursing kittens. In such cases, the cats will be neutered/spayed as soon as the veterinarian advises it is safe to do so or as soon as the kittens are weaned.
- All long-term foster homes will be informed they may be required to have home visits done by representatives of Purebred Cat Breed Rescue.
- All long-term foster homes must report addition of any new pets or animals from other rescue sources. Long-term fosters must inform Purebred Cat Breed Rescue and obtain specific approval before they begin to foster for another rescue.
- Every effort will be made to support long-term fosters and answer their questions.
- Long-term fosters are responsible for all vet bills with the exception of pre-approved reasonable rescuer costs for spay/neuter, FIV/FELV testing, and rabies vaccination. Pre-approval must be obtained from the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue National Coordinator in consultation with the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Treasurer. In exceptional or complicated cases, the long-term foster may file a request for payment by Purebred Cat Breed Rescue, but must provide vetting costs and obtain approval prior to vetting for payment of any exceptional veterinary bills for which they wish reimbursement. Extreme emergency vet bills will be evaluated on a case by case basis for potential reimbursement but there should be no expectation these will be reimbursed.
- Long-term fosters must read and sign the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue foster contract before a cat is turned over to them (See Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Foster Contract)
- Long-term fosters must inform Purebred Cat Breed Rescue and obtain approval before they add any additional pet cat or dog to their home other than ones previously reported on their Foster Application.
- Fosters will not allow any cat in their home or care to roam freely outdoors.
- All animals in the home of a foster must be kept up to date on vaccinations. Rescues must be updated on vaccinations within 4 days of arrival in foster if there is no record showing vaccinations are up to date unless medically contraindicated.
- Fosters will not allow any cat in their home or care to be declawed unless advised by a veterinarian for their overall health or wellbeing and approved by two Purebred Rescue Board Members.

- Fosters will not place any rescued cat without the approval of Purebred Cat Breed Purebred rescue.
- Long-term Fosters will collect adoption fees when adoption papers are signed. These fees will be turned over to Purebred Cat Breed Rescue unless the foster provides Purebred Cat Breed Rescue with receipts for their non-reimbursed expenses which are equivalent to the adoption fee collected. Any balance from the amount collected minus the receipts will be paid to Purebred Cat Breed Rescue unless a previous agreement was approved by the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue National Rescue Coordinator AND the Treasurer.

Way Stations for Purebred Cat Breed Rescue:

- A PCBR way station, as we define it, is a temporary foster arrangement, often for just one night though occasionally longer (up to two weeks at most) along a transport route where cats are routinely held until transported to a long term foster or affiliate.
- Also, a PCBR way station, as we define it, shall average 40 cats or more passing through each month in multiple groups, one group after another.
- All PCBR Way Stations are screened as foster homes but have far more expenses due to the frequent food and litter changes and other sanitary measures necessary whenever cats move out before new cats come in.
- Purebred Cat Breed Rescue does pay reasonable food and litter expenses for PCBR Way Stations as well as approved veterinary expenses.

Emergency Temporary Foster:

- Emergency temporary fosters will be provided as interim measures when transports to long-term fosters are delayed or an overnight during transport is needed.
- Such fosters will be evaluated on a case by case basis. All must provide answers to the questions detailed on the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Foster Application.
- Veterinary references for such short term *emergency* fosters may be waived at the discretion of the National Rescue Coordinator.
- Emergency vetting while in temporary foster will be reimbursed to such fosters if pre-approved by a Purebred Rescue Board Member after consultation with the Treasurer.

- Temporary fosters will only be for the minimal time required to arrange transport to long-term foster or rescue. No temporary foster will exceed two weeks in duration.

Adoptions:

- An adoption fee of \$150 for adult cats less than 9 years of age; \$75 for cats over 9 years of age. An adoption fee for kittens may range from \$175-\$400 depending on the breed and kitten. These fees may be reduced in exceptional cases with the agreement of the Treasurer and NRC.
- A written veterinary recommendation must be provided after which a verbal veterinary recommendation and history must be obtained directly from the veterinarian by a representative of Purebred Cat Breed Rescue with responses to set questions (see list of questions). If the adopter has not had animals or a veterinarian previously, or their veterinarian has died or is otherwise reasonably unavailable, at least three recommendations from people who have been in their home must be provided and such fosters must have a home inspection/visit and be otherwise closely monitored and mentored.
- Whenever possible, a home visit will be conducted by a representative of Purebred Cat Breed Rescue or other approved rescue prior to adoption.
- Only Indoor-only homes only will be considered for adoption.
- Adopters must agree never to declaw adoptive cats except on the advice of a veterinarian that such is indicated for the health and wellbeing of the cat (although some cats are already declawed prior to entering rescue)
- Proper grooming, food, water, attention and veterinary care must be provided.
- Purebred Cat Breed Rescue must be notified if the cat becomes lost
- Adopters must promise to return the cat to Purebred Cat Breed Rescue if the placement does not work out
- Adopters must agree to have a provision in their will to care for the animal should they die.
- Adopters must agree to have plans in place to provide for the animal should they be hospitalized due to accident or infirmity or become acutely ill and unable to care for the animal.
- A Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Adoption contract must be read and signed (see Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Adoption Contract)

- Purebred Cat Breed Rescue reserves the right to add any potential adopter to our DNA list and will check our DNA lists for the name of the person applying prior to approving adoptions.

Transports:

- All animals being transported will be rabies vaccinated prior to crossing state lines unless medically contraindicated or the animal is too young to be rabies vaccinated.
- Transporters are responsible for transporting and handing over all paperwork, medications, animals, carriers, dog leashes and/or other items provided upon reaching their destination.
- Transfer of animals between transporters must be done inside an enclosed space that prevents escape of the animal if the animal must be removed from carriers or crates.
- No obviously pregnant animal will be transported for more than one hour without the specific approval of two Purebred Rescue Board Members.
- All cats transported must be in carriers.
- Water must be provided at least every once every 4 hours or more often if indicated.
- Food must be provided at least every 12 hours of a transport or more often if indicated.
- Litter box access must be provided if cats are overnighted or transport exceeds 8 hours or more often if indicated and at all possible.
- When signing up on our website, all transporters are asked to provide the following information:

Name:

Home email address:

Work email address:

Home telephone:

Work_telephone:

Cell_telephone:

City:

County:

State:

Region:

Total miles can travel:

Make of primary

vehicle:

Model of vehicle:

Color of vehicle:

License plate & State
issued:

Seized Cats turned over Purebred Cat Breed Rescue:

- Rights of ownership will be recognized when a cat is microchipped in the name of the person claiming ownership.
- No seized cat that lacks a microchip will remain whole, unless altering is medically contraindicated, nor will such a pet be placed in any but a fully screened foster or adoptive home.

PCBR National Rescue Coordinator:

- ❖ The National Rescue Coordinator (NRC) will approve the rescue of every cat. Any shelters pulls and all transfers/and transports must be pre-approved by the NRC. The President of PCBR will be the National Rescue Coordinator unless otherwise decided by the board.
- ❖ Transport Coordinator: This position may be regional or national in scope. This position may be held by the NRC or delegated by the National Rescue Coordinator, but any transport and specific cats involved must be approved by the National Rescue Coordinator in advance of any action.
- ❖ Regional Rescue Coordinators may be delegated in some circumstances or regions by the National Rescue Coordinator. Regional Rescue Coordinators must get approval for each cats shelter pull and rescue plan from the National Rescue Coordinator in advance of the pull. Any change in that plan must be pre-approved by the National Rescue Coordinator.

AFFILIATION WITH PUREBRED CAT BREED RESCUE:

Affiliated Rescues - as of May 10th, 2008:

- Affiliated rescues will be defined as rescues which meet one of the following criteria:
 - Affiliated rescues approved by the BOD:

- A Pet's F.A.T.E., WA
- Aid to Animals, IL
- American Curl Rescue Project
- Animal Outreach, IL
- ANEW Rescue, NM
- AJ's Best Friends, AZ
- Bengal Rescue – National
- Briland Modern PotCats, CA
- Canadian Pet Rescue, Quebec, Canada
- Cape Fear Rescue Rangers, NC
- Cat Angels, NC
- Cat Purebred Rescue, WA
- Cat Haven, Houston, TX
- CATS (Cats are Totally Special, Inc), TN
- Companion Pet Placement, Marshall, MO
- Divine Felines Purebred Rescue, NV
- Fancy Felines of the South, Powder Springs, GA
- Felines and Friends, NM
- For the Love of Cats, PA
- Flat Faced Friends, CO
- Forgotten Friends, OH
- For Pete's Sake! Rescue, CA
- Friends of Rex, Cornish Rex Rescue, CA
- Gloria Leopard, DVM (OK Rescue)
- Himalayan and Persian Rescue League, MA
- Livingston Humane (Karen Gregory), IL
- Maine Coon Rescue, Inc – National
- Maine Coon Rescue Alliance, TX
- Nemasket Orphan Animal Rescue (NOAH), MA
- Ohio Sphynx Rescue
- PAF Adoptions, CA
- Independent Rescuer, Pam Delacy, NJ

- Persian and Himalayan Rescue of Northern CA, CA
- Purebred Rescue of St. Louis - St Louis, MN
- Persian Rescue of Virginia, VA
- PurrEver Ranch, TN
- PurrsAbound Siamese Rescue, MI
- Rocky Mountain Siamese Rescue, CO
- Scottish Fold Rescue, Inc - National
- Siamese Rescue Center, VA
- Siamese Rescue of Ontario, Quebec, Canada
- Slinky Katz, Inc., CT
- Southern California Siamese Rescue, CA
- Specialty Purebred Rescue, Wisconsin
- STAR (Sphynx Team and Rescue), National
- STARR (Second Time Around Rescue), IL
- Treasured Friends, Dallas, TX

CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION. Any one of the following shall apply:

1. The rescue is a 501(c)3 breed rescue or purebred rescue using its own forms and contracts, policies and procedures AND that rescue accepts full responsibility and ownership of any cat turned over to their rescue AND that Rescue has been approved as an affiliated rescue by the Board of Purebred Cat Breed Rescue.

2. The rescue or independent rescuer uses Purebred Cat Breed Rescue forms or branded facsimiles thereof and agrees to conform to Purebred Cat Breed Rescue policy and procedures AND that rescue or independent rescuer accepts full responsibility and ownership of any cat turned over for their care AND that rescue or independent rescuer has been approved by the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Board of Directors.

3. The rescue's or independent rescuer's forms, contracts, and policy and procedures have been submitted to the Board of Directors of Purebred Cat Breed Rescue AND that rescue or independent rescuer accepts full responsibility and ownership of any cat turned over for their care AND

that rescue or independent rescuer has been approved as an Affiliate by Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Board of Directors.

- 4 Emergency approval of affiliation is made by the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue National Coordinator based on review of information provided. Such approval is temporary, not to exceed three months.

REQUIREMENTS OF AFFILIATION:

- Affiliated rescues may be required to have assessments periodically:
 - Facility/Foster Home/Rescue visits for assessment by a Purebred Cat Breed Rescue representative may be required for approval and whenever indicated as determined by any Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Board member.
 - Veterinary references will be required for approval by the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Board of Directors for approval as an affiliate.
 - Affiliated rescues which are not 501(c)3 charities must always provide detailed follow-up on all cats placed with them including, but not limited to:
 - Veterinary certification of spay/neuter if the cat has not been previously spayed/neutered must be provided within 2 weeks unless certification of contraindications for this procedure is provided – and should be provided as soon as such contraindications no longer exist.
 - Information regarding disposition of the cat – adoption date and name and address and phone number(s) of adopter, veterinary certification of death and cause of death, or name, address and telephone number of permanent foster.
 - A Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Affiliate contract must be signed by an official representative or Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Board member of the Rescue before the affiliation is approved by the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Board unless listed in the rescues grandfathered above.
- Affiliations must be renewed every five years and may be cancelled without explanation at any time by the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Coordinator or vote of the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Board of Directors.

PRIVILEGES OF AFFILIATION:

- The President or Rescue Coordinator of affiliated rescues may use the PCBR 501c3 to pull animals from shelters, as allowed by agreement of the PCBR Rescue Coordinator. Monthly reports of any such pulls and monthly followups shall be provided, including spay/neuter certifications shall be provided to PCBR when the animal before the animal is placed in an adoptive home.
- Purebred Cat Breed Rescue will arrange transports to affiliated rescues if requested and feasible.
- Purebred Cat Breed Rescue may help pay pull fees, FIV/FELV testing, spay/neuter, and/or rabies vaccination, and other essential treatment of cats being turned over to an affiliate rescue on request. Approval of such rescue-facilitating payments will be assessed on a case by case basis by the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Coordinator and the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue Treasurer and approval by both is required. In all but emergency cases, such approval by both must be obtained in advanced of the expenditure.
- Adoption fees set by and collected by Affiliated Rescues will be the property of the Affiliated Rescue.