

Pets Bring Joy Animal Intake Policy

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Pets Bring Joy accepts homeless animals -- primarily cats, but occasionally dogs and other companion animals -- into our foster program so as to seek permanent, loving adoptive homes for them.

We receive animals from these primary sources:

- Owner surrender
- Animals found as strays
- Animals transferred from shelters/other rescues

In all cases, we assess the animals' health, provide veterinary care as warranted, and ensure that all reasonable attempts to find the original owner have been made (e.g., scanning for microchips, reporting the animal as found to local authorities in the case of strays, or in the case of owner surrenders, receiving a signed owner surrender agreement).

Veterinary care includes, but is not limited to:

- Vaccinating for rabies
- Species-specific vaccinations (e.g., FVRCP for cats)
- Combo testing (FIV/FelV) for cats
- Spay/neuter
- Treatment for parasites
- Corrective veterinary treatment for illness or injury

We maintain digital records of all veterinary paperwork.

We microchip all animals, initially registered to Pets Bring Joy, and remain the back-up contact even for pets whose adopters transfer the microchip into their names.

Animals taken into the Pets Bring Joy foster program are housed in one of several ways:

- Cared for in a home setting by foster volunteers
- Housed for short periods of time in one of two adoption venues:
 - The East Fairfax, VA PetSmart Charities adoption center
 - The PetMAC Market Place and Adoption Center in Washington, DC

Jacquie Barker, Executive Director, and Lori Rolnick, Foster Coordinator, monitor the well-being of all animals in our foster program to ensure that they are cared for with love until permanent adoptive homes are found. We typically have between 50 - 70 animals in our foster program at any given time.

We are a no-kill rescue; animals are only euthanized if it is deemed the most humane way to end their suffering should medical care fail to make them whole.



Founder and Executive Director
Pets Bring Joy