



Name of Cat(s)  
Interested In:

# Precious Paws

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## ADOPTION PROCEDURE

- LOOK OVER THE SELECTION OF CATS.** Foster parents or our adoption venue volunteers can provide information about the cat's personality, health, special needs, etc.
- \* **IF YOU DO NOT FIND WHAT YOU WANT, PLEASE ASK.** Limited space prohibits our showing the complete selection of wonderful cats we have available.
- COMPLETE AN APPLICATION.** This gives us information and reminds you of responsibilities you may not have considered regarding pet ownership. A volunteer will review your form. All Applications must be signed.  
**By signing the Application you hereby give permission for us, the rescue organization named above, to VERIFY the information you have provided on the Application .**
- INTERVIEW WITH, OR, REVIEW OF APPLICATION BY DIRECTOR.**

**NOTE:** Completing the **Application** is only the **first step** in gathering information that will help us understand how a pet will fit into your lifestyle. Please do not be surprised if we call you later for more information.

***Our Primary Consideration***

***in ALL Pet Placement Decisions is the PET !***

Most of our pets have had a hard life and many have special needs (such as food, attention, time, training, security, etc.).

We appreciate your understanding how much effort goes into the placement decision.

In most cases, considerable work, love and money are expended to rehabilitate these cats/kittens.

After this considerable investment, it is understandable that we really try hard for a good "fit".

**Please keep in mind that not everyone who applies will get a pet.**

**This has more to do with the pet than with the applicant.**

**However, every application will be considered, and is deeply appreciated!**

- CONTACT:** A Volunteer will contact you **by phone or email** within **24 - 72 hours**. At this time we will also discuss current food and recommended supplies.

**WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ADOPTION TO ANY PERSON FOR ANY REASON,**

***Except race, creed or origin,***

**WE ALSO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE OR CANCEL THE ADOPTION AT ANY TIME DURING THE ADOPTION PROCEDURE.**

***If the questionnaire and interview results are positive and approved by one of the rescue organization's Directors.... THEN :***

- SCHEDULE A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME WITH THE FOSTER PARENT TO DELIVER THE CAT TO YOUR HOME.** We do not release any animal from a pet store, or our homes.  
Nor do we accept a pet adoption donation while at a pet store. We do home delivery and at that time we check your home for any possible safety hazards that you may have overlooked. Deliveries will take a *minimum* of one hour.

- DELIVERY DAY: PLAN AHEAD -- Be prepared to spend the ENTIRE day & evening HOME with your NEW CAT(s). [This is their day!] READ AND DISCUSS THE CONTRACT & then SIGN IT.**

Make sure you understand and agree to **ALL** of the terms.

Then pay the minimum PET ADOPTION DONATION FEE\* - CASH, OR, CHECK;

Made PAYABLE TO "**PRECIOUS PAWS**", AS FOLLOWS:

**ALL CATS / KITTENS \$125.00**

IN ADDITION: Pursuant to CA Law -- There is a **\$40.00 refundable deposit** required if the adopted cat/kitten is **NOT YET** sterilized. Sterilization **must occur** within 30 days of adoption.

**INCLUDED IN Donation Fee:** **ALL** cats/kittens are current with their FVRCP/FELV Vaccination series / boosters, Treated for Parasites as needed, Blood Tested, Vet Checked, Sterilized (spayed/neutered) and Microchipped. Plus, 2-Week Trial Period & Lifetime Return

Minimum Donation Fee  
Subject To Change  
(January 2009)

- COMPLETE THE TWO-WEEK TRIAL PERIOD.** If we do not make a match, we will gladly take back the cat. Your adoption donation will be refunded at that time, upon our discretion.

**NOTE \*** Donation Fees: 95% of all funds collected goes directly towards animal expenses & care for our rescued animals...5% is used to pay for administrative costs.



**“We hope the “PRECIOUS PAWS”  
Adoption Procedure will help you seriously consider  
the step you are taking by adopting a pet.”**

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**WHY DO WE HAVE SUCH A LENGTHY ADOPTION PROCEDURE?**

**PRECIOUS PAWS** does not offer instant gratification. While most everyone feels the urge to take home that “cute little kitty”, we want you to consider the serious responsibility of pet ownership: Do you have the time to give a kitten the consistent and gentle discipline it needs? Would unexpected vet bills put a financial hardship on you or your family? Have you thought about how future changes in you life will affect your pet’s life? The average life expectancy for a cat is 15 years. **Are you ready to make these kinds of commitments?**

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**WHERE DO OUR CATS COME FROM?**

Whenever space permits, **PRECIOUS PAWS** rescues animals who are homeless or who are living in dangerous situations due to abandonment, neglect, or abuse. Because of our policy to always accept the return of any previously placed **PRECIOUS PAWS** animal if it cannot be kept by its adoptive family for any reason, we sometimes have these cats available again for adoption.

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**WHY DO WE ASK FOR A DONATION?**

**PRECIOUS PAWS** depends on your donations to pay medical expenses and to provide care for our rescued animals. Ninety-five percent of all money collected goes directly to fulfill that need. Five percent is used to cover administrative needs. **Everyone** involved in **PRECIOUS PAWS** (including Board members) works on a strictly volunteer basis. Also, we believe that collecting a donation keeps our animals from falling into the hands of those who obtain “free” animals in order to sell them to research labs or use them for other abusive purposes.

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**WHY DO WE DELIVER THE ANIMAL TO YOUR HOME AND HAVE A TRIAL PERIOD?**

**PRECIOUS PAWS’** primary purpose is to ensure that the animal and its adoptive family are well-matched and that the pet’s welfare and happiness will continue in its new environment. We have found that delivering the pet directly from its foster home to its new permanent home helps make the adjustment less stressful for everyone.

**The TWO WEEK TRIAL PERIOD:** If we do not make a match, we will gladly take back the cat. Your adoption donation will be refunded at that time, PROVIDED the cat is healthy upon its return. With this more personal approach, we hope to open a line of communication which will be ongoing throughout the life of your adopted cat. We want to encourage you to contact **PRECIOUS PAWS** if there are ever any questions or problems regarding your adopted pet.

\* The new owner is told that **PRECIOUS PAWS** stands ready to take back the animal at any time during its lifetime if the owner finds that he/she/they can no longer keep it.

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**WHY DO WE ASK FOR A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IF THE CAT IS NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED?**

**Pursuant To CA Law**

Assemble Bill 1856 became operative on January 1, 2000. For the purposes of [the sections below], a **rescue group** is a . . . **not for profit** entity, or a collaboration of individuals with at least one of its purposes being the . . . **placement of cats / dogs**.

**SEC. 6.** (b), **NO** public animal control agency or shelter, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals shelter, humane society shelter, or **RESCUE GROUP** shall sell or give away to a new owner any **CAT** that has not been spayed or neutered.

(b) . . . the adopter . . . shall pay the . . . **rescue group** a deposit of not less than forty dollars (\$40)...

**Pursuant To L.A. City Law**

Los Angeles City Municipal Code - Effective January 1, 2001. . . . **If the owner chooses not to spay or neuter his/her cat or dog, then that owner is required to obtain an unaltered animal permit and a breeder’s permit . . . (a) Unaltered Animal Permit / Breeder’s Permit- 1. No person shall own, harbor or keep within the City of Los Angeles a dog or a cat over the age of four months which has not been spayed or neutered, unless such person holds a valid unaltered animal permit / breeder’s permit.** A separate permit must be obtained for each owned dog or cat . . . .

(d) Penalties: 1.. . . any person violating any provision of this Section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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**PLEASE READ**

**PRECAUTIONS**

**PRECIOUS PAWS** would never knowingly place a sick pet. However, bringing any new animal into your home always involves some small risk. It is your responsibility to be aware of the risks and to take the necessary precautions. All Pets placed by **PRECIOUS PAWS** are, to the best of our knowledge, in good health. We do, however, recommend you have the pet examined by your own veterinarian.

**PRECIOUS PAWS** strongly recommends that all animals currently in your household be healthy and current with their necessary vaccinations before bringing a new pet into your home.

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