
Places to Adopt:

Sandy Hughes : 206.284.5666
Sandy rescues felines of all ages throughout the Seattle area, and works solely on donations.

City Animal Control :
206.386.7387
Animal adoptions, volunteer opportunities, humane education, and special events.

PAWS : 425.787.2500
Only Snohomish County animals. Fundraising.

MEOW : 206.275.4000
Fosters abandoned cats and kittens, some dogs and rabbits. Adoption available at Mercer Island Pet Grocery.

Purrfect Pals : 360.652.9611

Vashon Island Pet Protectors :
206.567.5222
No kill animal shelter



Thinking about Adopting a Cat?



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The addition of a cat to your home as a family pet is a wise choice. Cats are loving, devoted and charming pets. They are easy to care for and do not require a lot of room. They are “at their best” as a full-time indoor pet. Felines are an endless source of companionship, fun and entertainment for you and your family. However, they are a lifelong responsibility and commitment. Before adopting, ask yourself the following questions:



Most cats' favorite place to be scratched or petted is their cheeks.

- **Am I ready to make a long-term commitment?** Adopting a cat means being responsible for his/her health and happiness that should take the relationship through all of life's transitions, such as moving. Cats can live 15 to 20 years.
- **Can I afford the cat?** The cost of a cat is more than just the adoption fee; remember to include the cost of food, litter, basic and emergency veterinary care and supplies.
- **Is everyone in my household in favor of adopting a cat?** One adult in the home should be designated as the primary caretaker so that the cat's needs do not become lost in the shuffle of busy schedules. Make sure your landlord allows pets prior to bringing any new animal home.
- **Do I have at least an hour a day to devote to my cat?** A cat requires plenty of love and affection. Though cats are more independent than dogs, they thrive on your companionship. It is also
- recommended that you consider adopting two cats if there is no one home during the day. Two are company for each other – and two will bring more love into your life.



- **Am I ready to take on the daily responsibility of caring for a cat?** Although cats are easier to care for than dogs, they still require daily care, such as feeding, exercise through play and cats require a litter box which needs to be scooped clean every day. Using a clumping litter will help control cat box odor and reduce the number of times you will need to change the litter every month.
- **Am I willing to commit to understanding basic cat behavior and training?** Understanding cat behavior will help you train your cat not to scratch your furniture, or to use the litterbox. Cats are independent, but they can be trained with patience, understanding and love.