

FAQ About Kitten Adoption

Question: My grandmother/grandfather wishes to adopt one of your kittens. How soon can we have one?

Answer: Kittens are adorable. Everyone wants a kitten. But should everyone adopt a kitten? Each year, we accept countless older cats that are more difficult to find homes. Many of these cats are from elderly people who loved and showered affection upon them. The sad fact is many senior citizens do not live long enough to see their beloved pet fulfill his/her lifespan. Many seniors must go to assisted living or nursing homes and cannot take their pet with them. What happens to these older cats? Some come to us. We at **Animals Can't Talk Rescue and Adoption, Inc.** do not euthanize a healthy animal, including

senior cats.

Kitten adoption is a long term responsibility. Kittens may live quite a long time. Read what the ASPCA says about cat lifespan.

["The average lifespan of an indoor cat is 13 to 17 years-and we've known lots of kitties who've made it to 20-plus!"](#)

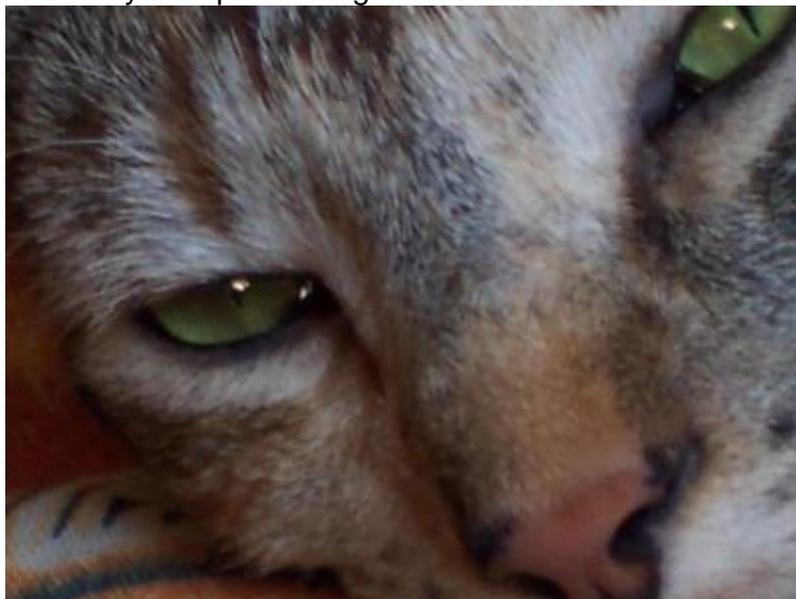
When older cats arrive, many get adopted, many do not. Many wait a very, very long time in the shelter. Some live out their lives in the shelter. Some even die from no apparent reason except a broken heart. It is difficult for an older or senior cat to adapt to the shelter.

Remember, if they were the pet of a senior citizen, that person most likely devoted a tremendous amount of time and love on that cat. We would be delighted if the adopter would consider choosing one of the cats that was given up by another senior who could no longer take care of their pet. We hope you understand that we have extensive (and sometimes very sad) experience in these matters. **We are the voice for the animals.** Sometimes that voice has to say things that are difficult. Our main objective is to find *suitable* homes for these unwanted pets. It doesn't mean that a person wouldn't love a kitten. But, they may not be able to care for it later...and the cycle begins again.

All cats need a home for THEIR lifetime.

For these reasons, we do not recommend kittens to senior citizens.

Please consider adopting an older cat.



[See what VeterinaryPartner.com has to say on this subject:](http://www.veterinarypartner.com)

"When a friend of mine lost her darling cat to age and illness, she told me that her next in a long line of feline companions wouldn't be a kitten. Partly, because she thought she was old enough that a **kitten might outlive her**, and partly because she didn't think she was up to coping with all the energy that comes in those small, furry forms. But mostly, she said, she was done with kittens because **she wanted to give an adult cat a chance**. If she had told me this in person instead of on the phone, I would have hugged the stuffing out of her. I love it when people decide to adopt an older pet.

Because kittens are so very appealing, adult cats have the lowest adoption rate at many shelters. It's a tragedy for the cats, of course, but it's also unfortunate for many people who don't realize that **an adult cat may, in many cases, be a better choice than a kitten**. You know pretty well what you're getting with a grown cat -- activity level, sociability and health. Given time in a loving environment, a grown cat forms just as tight a bond with his new people as any kitten can."



Don't misunderstand. We love kittens. We want homes for all the animals in the shelter. We strive to be responsible and caring.

So please give an adult cat the home that he/she has been waiting for. They have been waiting for you. You can make a difference in a cats' life.

Of course, anyone can adopt an older pet! We hope you do!





On Average,
a Kitten is a
Fifteen Year
Commitment.

Adopt
Responsibly.