



Adoption Information and Application

Thank you for helping us rescue and re-home cats and kittens.

Our adoption process has been designed and refined to help achieve the best outcomes for our kittens and their new families.

Adopting from CatzRus Step-byStep:

WELCOME TO CRU • APPLY • MEET • COMMIT • ADOPT • ENJOY A LIFE-TIME TOGETHER

- Step 1: Welcome** to CatzRus (CRU). You should have received our Info Posters by WhatsApp. Below is a bit more about us so you can understand how CatzRus works.
- Step 2: Apply** to adopt by completing and submitting this 3 page Adoption Application. Please check that we *have* received your application. We will get back to you within 48 hours.
- Step 3: Meet** our cats and kittens. Please make arrangements with each foster parent to meet the cats or kittens that are currently in their care – either face-to-face or by video call.
- Step 4: Commit** to adoption *only once you are sure*. Please communicate your intentions with the foster parent and **complete the documents** they will send to you. Your adoption will be fully secured only once documents are received and payment is made. If we do not hear from you within 48 hours, other adopters will be considered.
- Step 5: Adoption Day** arrangements can be made with the foster parent when the kittens are ready. Please bring the original signed documents and payment confirmation.
- Step 6: Love and enjoy** your furkid(s)! Please complete the microchip change of ownership. The foster parent will send you instructions for this.

Welcome to CatzRus (CRU)

- We are a **foster-based** non-profit cat rescue organisation. We are all **unpaid volunteers** who take kittens into our own homes until we can find forever homes for them.
- We are **registered** both as an NPO (098-047) and as a PBO (930061086).
- Our **adoption fee** is a fixed donation to cover essential veterinary care. It includes sterilisation; three vaccinations, one at 8 weeks and two at 12 weeks (the next set of vaccinations at around 6 months is for your account); microchip; deworming and any additional pre-adoption vet care that is necessary.
- Because our **vets** offer their services to us at cost, we are able to pass the saving on to you. We do not profit from our adoption fee. In fact, we make a loss overall. Phone around – it's an incredible deal.
- Our kittens are available for adoption around **12 weeks after vaccination and vet-checks**. After vaccinations, the kittens have had a chance to develop some immunity to common cat diseases.
- Kittens start learning manners from one another at around 8 weeks. We always suggest double adoptions if at all possible. Two kittens are better than one!
- We require **permission** for the adoption from your property owner. A letter from your trustees/body corporate and/or landlord is essential if you rent your property or live in a complex, apartment, etc.
- **Sterilisation is not optional**. If your kitten is not sterilised (neutered or spayed) at the time of adoption, you will be required to sign the sterilisation agreement. We reserve the right to remove the cat from your care if you do not comply with this. More kittens = even fewer homes for those in need!
- We strongly believe that all responsible animal lovers will sterilise their own pets and work towards sterilising all animals at their work places or in their community. We all need to **take responsibility** for all the homeless animals in our communities. Please talk to us about this. We can't do it alone.
- We take in only **genuine rescue cases** at the discretion of elected board members.
- **We do not have a shelter**. Our foster families open their homes to cats and kittens in need.
- While in our homes, our cats and kittens receive the best love and care we and our vets can give. We fund-raise to cover any additional veterinary care that may be required. **All support is appreciated**.

This should give you a basic idea of how we do things at CatzRus.

If you agree to the above, please initial here _____

Adoption Application

Your adoption process begins only when we receive your completed application form (this document). This form does not commit you to an adoption. The purpose of this form is to help you think through some of the issues before adoption, and for us to get to know one another a bit before meeting.

Name of the cat(s)/kitten(s) you are interested in:	Date:
Name of the CatzRus Foster parent:	

Your Personal Information

To be completed by the adult who will be responsible for the day-to-day care of the cat(s)

We're POPI Act compliant. By signing, you give us permission to store and use your data as laid out in our policy (available on request)

Surname:		Title:
Name:	ID number:	
Physical address:		
Postal Address:		
Cell Phone:	Alternative Number:	
Email (please print clearly):		
Contact details of another person to put onto the microchip register should your cat get lost:		
Name:		
Address:		
Phone numbers:		
(We'll ask you to do microchip change-of-ownership after adoption. Occasionally we are approached as 'first owners' if they cannot contact you).		
Where did you hear about CatzRus?		

Your Family:

Are you adopting the cat for your own family? _____	If not, who are you adopting for? _____
Will you be covering the veterinary and daily costs of the cat yourself?	If not, who will be responsible for the financial care of the cat?
<i>If the applicant and the person-responsible-for-the-cat are not the same person, then both must complete and sign this form as applicable. Giving a cat as a surprise gift is unkind to both the cat and the primary care-giver.</i>	
How many other pets do you currently have?	
Dogs?	Cats?
Others? (please specify)	
Please indicate age, breed (or size) of dogs:	

Do you **(or your neighbours)** have dogs that might be aggressive towards a cat? _____
Far too many of our kittens are killed by dogs after adoption. Please consider this carefully and take appropriate precautions.

If yes, how do you plan to handle this?

Are all your other pets sterilised? _____ Are they inoculated and dewormed annually? _____

If not, please explain why not: _____

Have you had any cat diseases in your home that might compromise a new cat's health? _____
If you've sadly lost a cat to a feline disease, we'd like to help you get veterinary advice to try prevent similar heartbreak in the future.

Do you have young children who might scare/be scared of a nervous cat? _____

If yes, how do you plan to handle this?

Is anyone in your family allergic to cats? _____

If yes, how do you plan to handle this?

Will the cat be locked alone in the home for extended periods of time? _____

If yes, how do you plan to handle this?

If yes, would you consider adopting two cats to keep one another company?

Will you be able to afford food and veterinary care for your cat?

In the light of the above, do you consider your family to be suitable for a cat?

Your Property:

Please indicate what type of property you live in: (eg: flat, complex, free-standing house, garden flat...)

(NB: If you have a body corporate or trustees, please supply a pet permission letter)

Do you own or rent the property?
(If you rent, please supply a letter of permission from the landlord / property owner)
We have a 'permission request' letter. If you would like a copy, please ask the foster mom.

If pet permission is given *with conditions* (eg. the cat must be kept indoors or you need a catio or cat fence), will you be willing to negotiate with the property owner/trustees and do the necessary to ensure that pet permission is granted and not revoked? _____

Is there a garden?	Is it enclosed?
Is there a balcony?	Is it enclosed?
Are you close to a busy street?	If so, is there a suitable barrier?

In the light of the above, do you consider your environment to be suitable for a cat? _____

Do you have a safe cat carrier in which to transport the cat to and from your property? _____
(Please note that a suitable cat carrier is essential on adoption day. We will not allow cats or kittens to leave our care if they are not safely contained and constrained in your car. This is for their safety and yours.)

Will you undertake to transfer your cat's microchip into your name so that, should he/she stray from your property, there is the best chance he/she can be returned? _____

(NB Please request change-of-ownership instructions from the foster mom of your kitten.)

The Adoption Commitment

Do you understand that the adoption of a kitten could be a 20 year commitment?	
Please tell us why you would like to adopt a cat/kitten from us:	
Have you owned (or been owned by) a cat before?	
<i>We recommend that you Google 'cat care 101' and 'common mistakes new cat owners make' and other useful cat articles online.</i>	
Should you decide to move overseas or to a unit that is not pet-friendly, what will you do with your pets?	
Do you realise that cats jump on furniture, counters and curtains and can sometimes cause damage?	Are you willing to live with this?
Do you believe that cats can be disciplined or taught?	If so, how would you do this?
Do you realise that kittens up to a year old are very active and require playtime and toys to keep them from mischief?	
Do you also realise that kittens are naturally sociable, and to be left home alone for hours on end can be very traumatic to them?	
Our cats and kittens often come from difficult backgrounds and might take time to adjust to a new environment and other pets. How would you deal with this?	
<i>Many people are under the false impression that leaving the animals to 'just sort it out' is the best option. We strongly disagree. Too many of our kittens have been killed by the family dogs. There are useful internet articles on how to introduce a new pet to your household. Please do some reading and research to ensure a smooth transition.</i>	
Even though we try to ensure that all our cats and kittens leave our care healthy, they often have weaker immune systems or possibly even underlying diseases, such as FIP, which our vets would not always pick up. Do you take full responsibility to give your cat the necessary medical care or prescription diet should they require it?	
Do you understand that CatzRus does not have a shelter and cannot take cats back just because your life changed? _____	
Do you undertake to do your very best to do what is best for your cat should unforeseen circumstances arise? _____	
<i>Thank you for completing this application and for taking adoption so seriously.</i>	
Full name & signature of the person who will be responsible for the day-to-day care of the cat: _____	Full name & signature of the person who will be financially responsible for the cat (if different): _____
Date:	Place:
Foster Parent Approval: _____ (to be signed by foster parent)	