

Perfect Companions

Senior cats make great companions for senior folks! There's a kind of understanding they share about growing older and wiser. Are you looking for a great companion? If so, consider adopting a kitty with a little *silver* in his or her fur. You'll find that mature kitties make wonderful pets!

The Purrfect Pals *Senior Cats for Senior Folks* program matches cats aged 8 and older with senior-aged people. Though these cats still have long, healthy lives ahead of them, they have a greatly reduced risk of outliving their guardians (which is a major concern for many seniors).

Because our senior cats have their rambunctious kitten years behind them, they make ideal companions in less active homes. And because they are homeless, they are especially appreciative of the love and attention that senior folks can provide!



Based in rural Arlington, Washington, Purrfect Pals is the world's largest cat-only adoption organization and sanctuary. Annually we help more than 4,000 cats through adoptions into loving, responsible homes, free and reduced-cost spay and neuter surgery to low income families, and lifetime sanctuary to less-than-adoptable cats.

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Senior Cats & Senior Folks *a purrfect match!*



Senior Cats
for Senior Folks
Adoption Program

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Because every cat matters

Senior Cats for Senior Folks

Mature cats are great pets for seniors!

Stable Developed Personalities An animal's personality can change a great deal on the road to adulthood and maturity. With a mature pet, you can see his or her fully-developed personality and find just the right fit for you.

Less Destructiveness Young animals are adorable, but they're lots of work and require constant attention. They're still kids after all! Mature cats have settled down and can enjoy some quiet time on their own. Mature cats often

love to cuddle and enjoy lap time as well as play and entertain their human companions.

Fewer Housekeeping Issues All of our cats are litter box trained. All they need is a well maintained litter box.

Lots of Love to Give It is said that shelter animals know they're being given a second chance when they get adopted and are incredibly grateful, showing their gratitude with love and loyalty. We believe this is especially the case with mature cats who are looking for a loving human companion.

What you get when you adopt a senior cat

- A wonderful, healthy, mature cat, aged 8 and up
 - Spayed or Neutered
 - Viral Tested (tested negative for FIV and Feline Leukemia)
 - Up to Date on vaccines
 - De-wormed
 - Treated for fleas
 - Implanted with a lifesaving microchip
 - The cat's known medical history
 - A free health exam for your cat within one month of the adoption date
 - Initial supplies to make your cat feel at home (temporary litter box and litter, food)
- Information on available resources to help you care for your new pet

What we need from you

- An adoption donation. This donation helps defray costs of shots, medical care, microchipping, and sheltering.
- A signed adoption contract.
- An agreement to return the kitty to Purrfect Pals if for any reason you can no longer care for the kitty.

Factors to consider before adopting a cat

- Poor eyesight or balance can cause people to trip over pets. A brightly colored collar with a bell attached will increase awareness of a pet's whereabouts.
- Cats require litter boxes that need regular cleaning. Since cats are good jumpers consider putting the litter box on an elevated table that won't require you to bend or lift.
- Do you have transportation for trips to the vet? And the financial resources?
- Arthritic hands can make grooming difficult, but brushes and combs with extra large handles can help. A short haired kitty can reduce grooming needs as well.
- If your pet needs medication, keep it separate from your own. Use colored tape or stickers to identify pet prescriptions, making sure it's on the bottle, not the cap (it's easy to put the cap back on the wrong bottle).
- Make sure your new pet is well matched to your abilities and your environment. Cats can sit very near and are easy to caress and they enjoy the warm room temperatures that seniors often prefer.

