

## **CATS PROGRAM PACKAGE**

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A No More Homeless Pets "no-kill" state*

Date

Senior Center

Address

City

Attn: Activity Director

**SUBJECT:** Companion Animals Touching Seniors (CATS)  
Your seniors can get a loving companion and give a homeless pet a second chance

The Oakland County Pet Adoption Center in Auburn Hills and the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance would like to invite your center to participate in our CATS Program – Companion Animals Touching Seniors – by sponsoring a CATS event at your center. CATS provides seniors with a loving companion for no or little cost by placing a homeless pet cat into their homes – either temporarily into “foster” homes -- or permanently as adopted pets. In either case, your seniors get a loving companion and a homeless pet gets a second chance at a loving home.

Our CATS events are held at the senior center and enable your seniors to meet a variety of cats and kittens. Seniors can choose and take home a pet either to be fostered or permanently adopted. All cats are sterilized and have had their necessary shots. Supplies – food and food dish, cat litter and litter box and any necessary medications -- are provided to the senior free of charge. If a senior decides to permanently adopt a cat, there is no adoption fee, only a charge of \$7.50 for the pet’s license. Pet adoption counselors are also on hand at the event to answer any questions your seniors may have.

There are hundreds of beautiful cats and kittens waiting for loving homes in Oakland County. Not only will your seniors get a loving companion, but studies show that a pet can positively influence a person’s health and well- being.

I would like to meet with you to discuss scheduling a CATS event at your center. The attached information further explains how the program works. Please feel free to call me with any questions. I look forward to bringing our groups together.

Best Regards,

\_\_\_\_\_, Volunteer Coordinator, Oakland Pet Adoption Center

Phone – \_\_\_\_\_

OCAC Main Line – 248-391-4100

## CATS PROGRAM DETAILS

- All cats have been spay or neutered and are up to date on all shots.
- Seniors who agree to foster will be supplied with the following - free of charge – for a 2 month period:
  - Cat Dish
  - Cat Food
  - Cat Litter Pan
  - Cat Litter
  - All Medication the cat is required to take, if applicable
- At the time of the CATS event, the senior also has the option to adopt the cat. Fees to adopt are:
  - Cat adoption fee – NONE – only \$7.50 per Cat to cover the license cost
- At the end of the 2-month fostering period, the senior will have the option to:
  - Adopt the cat. (At this point, the senior will assume the responsibility for food and litter.)
  - Continue to foster the cat, but assume the responsibility for food and litter.
  - Return the cat to the Animal Adoption Center (we will arrange pick-up).
- If at any time a senior decides the fostering arrangement is not working out, they should simply contact the Oakland Pet Adoption Center at 248-391-4100 and arrangements will be made to pick up the cat as soon as possible.

## HOW THE CATS EVENT WILL BE CONDUCTED AT YOUR CENTER

### Promotion

- Prior to the CATS event, Oakland Pet Adoption Center will work with you to promote the event. If the event will be open to the public, we will work with you on developing and distributing a news release. If the event is open to your members only, we will provide you with an article for your newsletter and flyers that can be distributed prior to the event.

### Set Up

- The day before the scheduled event, Oakland Pet Adoption Center staff will deliver mobile cages that will house up to twelve cats. They will also bring supplies (litter, food, etc.) to care for the cats at the event. The staff will follow your direction on where to set-up these items.
- The next day, approximately 1 hour before the scheduled event, Oakland Pet Adoption Center will arrive to finish setting up, including placing the cats, and providing litter, food and water in preparation of the event.

### The CATS event

- Seniors will be greeted by Oakland Pet Adoption Center staff who will explain the program and introduce the cats to potential fosters.
- All cats will have information tags on their cages including the cat's sex and age, and any other known traits as provided by their caregivers at Oakland Pet Adoption Center.
- Seniors interested in fostering any of the cats can have their questions answered by trained Oakland Pet Adoption Center staff at the event.
- Seniors who would like to foster or adopt a pet cat, we be asked to fill out a simple foster or adoption agreement acknowledging that the senior agrees to provide care for the cat including food and shelter and of course lots of love. The agreement also provides names and phone numbers of Oakland Pet Adoption Center staff for any questions or concerns after the cat is in the senior's home.
- The senior will be given all supplies to care for the cat for the 2-month period, and of course, the cat and a carrying box. If additional food or litter is required in the 2-month period, the senior simply needs to contact the Oakland Pet Adoption Center (phone numbers are supplied on the foster or adoption agreement) and additional supplies will be delivered to the senior's house.
- Trained staff at the Oakland Pet Adoption Center are available during normal working hours to answer any questions that may come up after the CATS event.

