

Feline Evaluation for Adoption Cheat Sheet

See the Feline Evaluation for Adoption protocol in its entirety for more detailed directions.

Highly adoptable is a minimum score of 8 points.

Please remember that the first step of this process is to determine if the cat / kitten is placeable per our current health and behavior protocols. If placeable, proceed with the evaluation system below.

Behavior:

Exceptional – 6 points

Attention-seeking, overly affectionate, no signs of stress, no questionable behavior history. Head butting, purring and constantly rubbing into you and chasing you for attention. Cats begging for your attention or rolling around on the table. They need to be soliciting human attention to be considered exceptional. If they need a cat restriction, they cannot be considered Exceptional.

Good – 4 points

Not exceptional, likes the attention when approached, and is friendly and easy to handle but doesn't automatically seek attention. Not scared or shy. May be purring and head butting, but waits for you to engage them.

Marginal- Shy/ Fearful 1 point

Shy, scared and showing signs of stress but no aggression or lashing out. May become affectionate with encouragement, able to be handled and carried. Allows human touch but does not solicit attention.

Marginal- Indifferent 1 point

Indifferent, ignores attention. Does not become affectionate with encouragement. Does not solicit attention. Tolerates handling. Possibly asocial.

Health:

If you are unable to calculate an animal's cumulative points because you can't tell how severe their issue is, and if there's a possibility the animal could score a 10 or above, note that in the vet check memo.

Healthy – 5 points

No health issues present or cat has minor issues that do not require significant staff time and do not affect how healthy the animal appears to be. Minor fleas and/or ear mites with no secondary effects, minor wounds, intestinal parasites, mild to moderate tartar, mild ear infections.

Minor health issues – 4 points

Health issues requiring extra staff time and that may make the animal appear less desirable to potential adopters. Severe fleas or ear mites causing secondary health issues, minor skin issues, body condition score of more than 6, scruffy appearance requiring grooming before adoption.

Moderate health issue – 3 points

A health issue requiring a significant amount of staff time to treat the animal which results in a longer length of stay before being placed in adoption. Does not require DVS or need recovery after the issue is treated. URI, body condition score of less than 4, diarrhea issues, needs in-house medical procedure, i.e. abscess, dental scaling, dental extractions, cuterebra infestation.

Exceptional Owner Candidates 2 points

Any exceptional owner candidate- heart murmur, psychogenic alopecia, etc.

Multiple moderate health issues OR 1 point

Serious health issue(s) - Treatable-Rehabilitatable-

Serious medical issues that can be resolved before the animal is put up for adoption, such as fractures to limbs, severe wounds, enucleations or issues that require significant follow up, i.e. needs foster care to recover.

Serious health issue(s)- Treatable-Manageable- 0 points

Serious medical issues that might or will require extra investment on the part of the adopter.

Age:

Under 4 months – 6 points

4 to 6 months – 5 points

7 months to 11 months – 4 points

1 to 4 years – 3 points

5 to 9 years – 2 points

10 years and over – 1 point

First assess the cat based on behavior, age and health. Then assess the cat based on the characteristics below. Record points in the Behavior Module of PetPoint if the cat is 4 months or older.

Other characteristics: choose one
Siamese/ Persian purebred or mixes, any other exotic purebred (not manx) 5 points

Cats that have a unique color pattern
4 points