



Adoption Regulations

We take the responsibility of our rescues very seriously and therefore have to ensure their best interests are always taken into account

General Rules

1. **No application will be considered if people have unsterilised cats or dogs at home.** This is our policy and is not negotiable as our existence is solely due to animals not being sterilised.
2. **No kitten will be adopted out to a home where they will be alone during the day while owner is at work.** It is not the responsibility of domestic staff to raise a kitten.
3. Please ensure that cats get collected in a safe **CAT CARRIER BASKET**. No transport of adopted Raisens without safety measures will be allowed.
4. Adoption applications will **ONLY** start getting processed on **RECEIPT** of a completed application form. The form does not commit you to adopt, but we need basic information before proceeding with the process.
5. A non-refundable deposit of half the adoption fee will be required to secure reservation. This will form part of the adoption fee but is non-refundable when an adoption is cancelled.
6. All our rescues are in private foster homes. Unfortunately, no visits can be allowed as we have to protect our kittens from exposure to bacteria, fungi, viruses and other diseases as their immune systems are underdeveloped and they are at high risk of getting sick.
7. Half our adoptions are double adoptions. Two cats getting adopted together will always get preference over single adoptions as it is in cats' best interest to stay in pairs.
8. We do not adopt out kittens younger than **9 weeks**, because that is the age until when they should stay together to play and socialise with their siblings or other kittens to form a well **SOCIALISED FOUNDATION**.
9. Kittens will get sterilised when they are estimated 9 weeks old or when they weigh 800g and are healthy.
10. A pre-adoption **HOME VISIT** will be conducted before the adoption application is approved. This will be done virtually (video to be sent on WhatsApp) and details will be communicated to the adopter. This enables the adopter and Raise 'n Rescue to ask any questions regarding the animal or the process and to ensure that the animal will be homed to an environment that is best suited to them.
11. Kittens or cats may not be given to friends as gifts – the person applying to adopt the kitten must remain the cat's owner
12. Should the adoption not work out for the adopter the adopted Raisens must be returned to our care immediately. **NO TRANSFER OF ADOPTED ANIMALS** will be allowed.
13. We strongly discourage allowing kittens to venture **OUTSIDE** before they are 6 months old because this exposes them to possible viruses and diseases.
14. We strongly encourage that you retest your adopted Raisen cat for Feline Leukaemia at 6 months old and vaccinate your cat for FeLV should he/she be at risk, i.e. free-roaming. Cats under 6 months should remain indoor cats and therefore the risk is eliminated and a vaccine for FeLV should only be considered once your cat is exposed to an environment where he/she risk getting exposed to the virus. FeLV vaccination is a non-core vaccination

Raisen Adoption Fee is R900 (Non-refundable and non-negotiable)

Before kittens and cats go home, they get:

- **DEWORMED:** every 10 to 14 days starting when they arrive from 4 weeks of age onwards
- **DE-FLEA'D:** more than once if needed. Please note we do NOT bath kittens (it is too stressful for them) and we use fiprotec or frontline spray for fleas. Although these products do work effectively and have proven to be safe, there is always the risk that a kitten can have a flea or two when they go home as eggs can hatch later.
- **FIRST VACCINATION:** We strongly suggest you retest your cat for Feline Aids (FIV) and Feline Leukaemia (FeLV) at 6 months age or 3 months after adoption if older. We encourage you to vaccinate your cat for FeLV at 6 months old.
- **MICROCHIPPING:** Please update your details on <http://www.getmeknown.co.za/>
- **STERILISATION:** at 9 weeks age or minimum weight 800g.
- **TESTING:** As a matter of policy every orphan kitten we get in gets tested for FeLV and FIV. In a litter of kittens with no mother, we test one kitten randomly. In a litter of kittens with the mother cat coming in we test the mother cat. We can at any stage retest any cat if our vets advise us to due to chronic illness. Only cats testing negative for these two viruses are available for adoption.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Although we test, the testing of young kittens is always risky due to their age (false positive or negative results are possible) because the FeLV virus can be in incubation for even 90 days.

Bank Details:

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Account Number: 073091855

Branch: Tyger Manor,051001

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Account Type: Cheque

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