

How to screen potential adopters

1. Get their background information:

- Why are they planning to adopt and what is their experience with cats?
- Do they have existing pets? Do they have a plan how to integrate them?
- What are their living conditions? Type / size of flat, household members?
- Are ALL household members ok with the adoption? They all should meet the cat/kittens prior to the actual adoption.
- Can they afford a cat (food, vet bills, etc)?



2. Cat safety & living conditions

- Is the house meshed (windows/gate/balcony). Ask for a home video or house visit. If not meshed, please advise according to our cat safety page on our website.
- Are all members aware of cat safety? Keeping windows closed etc (applies especially to children)
- Where will the cats sleep/play? Do they have access to all rooms? If anyone plans to keep them in a cage at night / while they go to work, this would be a huge NO GO.
- What are plans when going on holiday? If owners would move? Is there a possibility for relocation and if so, what then?

If you are satisfied:

Arrange for a meet and greet of all family members and the cat to gauge their suitability – this should not be an adoption date. It's vital to observe how children are with the cats and if parents are guiding them.

- If it's a match, prepare an adoption contract.
- Give adopters a list of the litter / food you were providing to the cats so they can buy the same as well as all necessary cat supplies.
- For kittens under 5 months and unsterilized: follow up by the 5 months mark about sterilization. For boy / girl pairs, require the boy to be snipped at 4 months.
- For kittens we highly recommend only to adopt them out in pairs or to an existing cat.

Please also check out our adoption information with more tips and tricks as well as www.kittenlady.org and <https://www.youtube.com/@JacksonGalaxy>