

Adoption Fees



Many people ask about our adoption fees. “Why does it cost \$135 to adopt when some kittens are given away free?”

As tempting as a free kitten may be, it is good to remember the costs associated with them. Most people take into consideration food, litter and toys; however, there are medical costs associated with keeping your new kitten healthy.

Four Paws takes every precaution to make sure you're new kitten is healthy and ready for their new home. This includes all necessary veterinary care and plenty of T.L.C. All cats are cared for by licensed foster homes and the cats are socialized with people and other pets to help them adapt to their new home.

All our rescues are fully vetted, meaning they are spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, dewormed (as necessary), FELV/FIV tested, vaccinated for Distemper and Rabies, and Frontlined for flea prevention. Kittens will be available for adoption once they are medically safe to be spayed or neutered which in the case of a female is 14 weeks of age and a male 12 weeks of age.

Our fees:

\$135.00: for kittens

\$ 75.00: for adult cats 2+ years

\$ 65.00: for cats 5+ years adopted by a senior citizen 55 years or older

Below is a cost comparison showing recommend Vet care and exams for kittens. The costs are displayed to help explain our adoption fee and the real cost of a “free” kitten.

Age	Exam	Average fees based on local area Veterinarians	Four Paws Animal Foundation
8 weeks	Exam Tests: Fecal Test, Felv/FIV Test Vaccine: FVRCP (Panleukapenia, Rhinotracheitis, and Calicivirus) Deworming	Office Exam: \$45.00 Fecal Test: \$23.00 Felv/FIV Test: \$37.00 Vaccine: FVRCP \$12.00 Deworming \$5.00	Included in fee
12 weeks	Exam Vaccine: FVRCP Deworming	Office Exam: \$45.00 Vaccine: FVRCP \$12.00 Deworming \$5.00	Included in fee (if kitten is still in our care)
16 weeks	Exam Vaccines: Rabies, FVRCP	Exam: \$45.00 1yr Rabies: \$12.00 FVRCP: \$12.00	Included in fee (if kitten is still in our care)
16 weeks	Micro-chipped	Micro-chipped: \$15	Included in fee (if kitten is still in our care)
16 weeks	Spay/Neuter	Spay: \$306.00* Neuter: \$160.00* (Includes: Pre-Surgical Consult/Exam, Overnight stay, Pre-anesthetic blood work, Surgical Pain Mgmt and Spay or Neuter)	Included in fee (if kitten is still in our care)
Total		\$428 (Neuter) - \$574 (Spay)	\$135

*These totals do not include the laser option.