

## Information and terms of adoption

Thank you for adopting from us! Because you and others open your homes to stray cats we can save more lives. Below you will find some general information and the terms we state for your sake, our sake – but more importantly – the cat's.

### General information

Before adopting, it's important that you consider the following:

- 🐾 A cat may well live to be 15-20 years old and must be cared for and treated as a member of your family for the duration of their life. A cat is not some thing to discard of when you change jobs, move or simply no longer have the time. Will you take on that responsibility for the next perhaps 20 years?
- 🐾 Can you afford a cat? Our terms state that you must keep the cat insured but even so the costs of veterinary care may be very high. Can you pay them? Will you?
- 🐾 Is there a risk of allergies in the family? If so, please take an allergy test before adopting to make sure, so as to not create unnecessary stress for the cat.
- 🐾 Is there somebody in your life to look after the cat if you go away, fall sick or otherwise are unable to care for the cat? By law the cat must be checked in on at least twice daily. Will your cat sitter do that?
- 🐾 For individuals 70 years of age or above, a co-adopter must be assigned for a cat younger than 5 years of age. The co-adopter will assume the responsibility of the cat if our terms can no longer be met by the original adopter. The co-adopter will be bound in full by the same terms.
- 🐾 If you already have cats, have they been vaccinated this year? We strongly recommend that you vaccinate your cats before adopting a new cat. The vaccination should be performed a month in advance.
- 🐾 There are several insurance companies for cats, compare them! Insure the cat for at least 50 000SEK and make sure the insurance covers dental disease, such as tooth resorption (TR, formerly known as FORL). Our cats are insured with Agria and with the adoption you have the option to have the insurance transferred to you. That way there is no deferred period as with new insurances. Also there will be no reservations for illnesses or injuries that have occurred before the insurance (preexisting reservations will still be transferred, however). Of course the transfer is optional.
- 🐾 Please visit [www.sjv.se](http://www.sjv.se) (the Swedish board of agriculture) for knowledge of the Swedish animal welfare act.



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- 🐾 The cat will be treated with respect and as a member of your family. It is your responsibility to ensure that their rights and needs are met throughout their life.
- 🐾 The cat must be kept as an indoor cat unless otherwise agreed upon with Akutgruppen. Such an agreement must be in writing. On our website you will find the reasons for this term. It is based on our vast experiences from helping cats.
- 🐾 Any balconies must be secured by netting or glass before letting the cat out to minimize the risk of falling and/or running away. Doors and windows must also be secured.
- 🐾 The cat must be insured for veterinary care.
- 🐾 The cat must be vaccinated against cat flu and parvo in accordance with veterinary recommendations (yearly or every 3 years, depending on life circumstances).
- 🐾 You must not relocate the cat without consent from Akutgruppen. If you cannot keep the cat we do appreciate any recommendations of a new potential home and if we approve and they agree to our terms we will relocate the cat and sign a new contract with them.
- 🐾 You must not euthanize the cat without consent from Akutgruppen unless recommended by a veterinarian due to severe illness or heavy trauma.
- 🐾 Akutgruppen will ensure that the cat is neutered, ID-tagged by chip and/or tattoo, vaccinated and, if needed, dewormed before adoption. Beyond this, our cats are adopted “as is”. We will inform you of any known health issues before hand but we cannot compensate for veterinary care after the adoption unless otherwise agreed upon in advance. Such an agreement should be in writing.
- 🐾 Akutgruppen are entitled to reclaim the cat if the adopter does not comply with the above stated terms or the cat is not comfortable in their new home.
- 🐾 Should problems arise throughout the cat’s life that cannot be resolved with our help; the cat must be returned to us. We will return the adoption fee if the adoption has not been in place for longer than 3 weeks. We will accept the cat back as soon as we can but are dependent on the availability of foster homes. Until the cat can be returned, the health and rights of the cat remain your responsibilities. We also reserve the right to first have you put the cat under veterinary care.
- 🐾 When “booking” a cat for adoption you agree to our management of your personal information in accordance with our privacy policy stated on our website.

And so we wish you and your new family member a long and happy life together!  
Please reach out if you have any questions. We’d love hearing from you with any updates on the cat’s new life and invite you to join our Facebookgroup “Akutgruppen”!

## Quick health check

Below is a checklist to evaluate your cat's health. This list may come in handy when contacting a veterinarian. It's a good idea to make notes of your cat's normal values for comparison.

**Gender, age, breed** – if an intact female cat, when was she last in heat? Is she pregnant?

**Temperature** – normal resting temperature for a cat is 38-39 degrees C. Use a common rectal thermometer with e.g. vaseline on and insert gently into the rectum. Some cats will be easier to handle standing up, some lying down on their back in your lap.

**Heart rate**– how many strokes per minute is the heart rate? It's easiest to count the pulse for 15 seconds and multiply by 4. You can feel the pulse directly over the heart or on the inside of the femur.

**Respiratory rate** – normal resting rate is 16-40 breaths per minute. Is your cat breathing faster, slower, shallower or heavier than normally? If the cat is breathing with their mouth open and/or pushing hard with the abdomen, it may be an acute situation.

**Cough** – when does the coughing occur (night/day, during play, while resting?), how often does it occur and what does it sound like (dry cough or like there is fluid)?

**Mucous membranes** – lift the lip and check the colour of the gum; is it more pail, red, blue or yellow than normal? The normal colour is pail pink. Blue means an emergency situation where the cat cannot oxygenate properly! Note! A red line along the edge of the gum where it meets the teeth means there is an inflammation of the gum that needs to be treated but it is not an emergency situation.

**Appetite/thirst** – is the cat eating or drinking less or more than normally? Is the cat chewing differently than before (e.g. now prefers one side of the mouth rather than the other or swallows dry food without chewing)? **Important!** The cat's organs are prone to severe damage in only a couple of days without food, don't wait before you contact the veterinarian!

**Urine/faeces** – is the cat urinating or defecating more or less than normally? Is she/he trying to go without any result? Is the colour, form or smell of the urine/faeces different than normally? Is there blood? **Important!** A urinary blockage, where the cat cannot empty the bladder, is an emergency situation – don't wait, go to an emergency clinic right away! Urinary blockage can look like the cat is trying to defecate and is commonly mistaken for constipation.

**Vomiting** – in what circumstances, how often and how much does that cat vomit? What does it look like? Is there food or only fluid? Is it pink (blood)?

**Hydration** – lift the skin of the head or shoulders slightly, when you release it the skin should fall back immediately or the cat may be dehydrated.

**General condition** – is the cat restless? Lethargic? Hiding? Is she/he moving differently? Are there signs of pain? Is the cat salivating?

**Weight** – weight loss can be a sign of illness. Weigh your cat and yourself of the bathroom scale and subtract your own weight. Note! Overweight can also cause illness so keep your cat in normal weight.

**Other information**– does your cat already have an illness? Is she/he being medicated; if so what is the medicine and the dosage?



## In an emergency

Several veterinary clinics and hospitals in and around Stockholm provide emergency care, below is a list of the best resources for severe cases.

### **Albano djursjukhus**

Mon-Fri 07.00-22.00, weekends 10.00-22.00

Phone 08-505 304 00

Rinkebyvägen 21A, Danderyd

### **Bagarmossens Regiondjursjukhus**

Always open.

Phone 08-505 303 00 (daytime), 0900-10 22 020 (nights: 22:00 - 07:00. 20 SEKkr/min)

Ljusnevägen 17, Bagarmossen

### **Distriktsveterinärerna**

Always open.

Rimbo/Northern Stockholm

Phone 010-122 88 40

Västra Stockholmsv. 11, Rimbo

Vårsta/Southern Stockholm

010-122 88 60

Ringvägen 1, Grödinge

### **Strömsholm specialistdjursjukhus**

Always open.

Phone 0220-45800

Djursjukhusvägen 11, Strömsholm

### **Södra djursjukhuset**

Mon-Fri 08.00-21.00, weekends 09.00-21.00

Phone 08-505 288 00

Månskärsvägen 13, Kungens kurva

### **Universitetsdjursjukhuset Uppsala**

Always open.

Phone 018-67 26 80

Ultunaallén 5A, Uppsala

### **Väsby Djursjukhus**

Mon-Thu 08:00-22:00, Fri 08:00-18:00, weekends 10:00-16:00

Phone 08-590 307 08

Vilundavägen 30, Upplands Väsby