Taking Home Your New Cat!

Congratulations on taking home your new family member! It is our goal to provide you with information and support during this exciting time. The information provided in this folder is very important in understanding your new cat. Below outlines points that will be discussed with you before you take home your new cat.

**History** – Extensive information is gathered about the cats that are brought to us from families that can no longer care for them. You will receive a copy of this information to help give you a more thorough picture of your cat’s personality, traits and habits. For those cats whose previous families could not be found, the WARL staff will share with you any and all information that we have learned about the cat while caring for him/her at our shelter.

**Medical History** – All of the pets have been examined by a veterinarian. Your cat’s health record will be reviewed with you before the adoption is complete. You will receive the original copies of your cat’s medical records to take with you, please keep these in a safe place and bring them along to your vet visit.

**VCA Certificate** – You will receive a certificate for a complimentary physical exam with your adopted cat at any VCA Animal Hospital. We highly recommend using this certificate within two weeks of the adoption date. This certificate will waive the exam fee, but does not apply to additional vaccines, tests, or medications. We suggest bringing this folder to any veterinary appointment.

**Shelter Care** – If you have provided an email address on your adoption application you will receive, via email, an invitation to take advantage of thirty days of pet insurance offered by the pet insurance company Shelter Care. The policy will take effect 48 hours after the invitation is accepted. The policy will reimburse up to $750 of most accidents or non pre-existing illnesses. There is a $75 deductible. If an email address was not provided, you will be provided with an activation phone number. If the call or email is not responded to by the adopter within 48 hours of adoption, the offer is void.

**Adoption Contract** – This agreement outlines the terms and conditions of adoption and the transfer of ownership for the cat you are taking home. In the event the pet is returned to WARL, please bring this folder and all of the pets’ medical and behavioral records.

**Misc. Information** – Also included in this folder are helpful tips, upcoming events, and shelter information.

We love to hear about how your new family member is doing in their new home! Send us pictures and stories and we’ll feature them in the shelter, on our website, and on facebook!

Mail them to the shelter, or by email to info@worcesterarl.org

Thank you for adopting a pet from the Worcester Animal Rescue League!