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Thank you for your interest in using the Our Companions virtual cat rescue program. We appreciate the fact that you are interested in finding the best home for your cat or the stray cat you are trying to help.

Through this program, we have adopted out over 1000 cats in the past few years without a shelter and our proven program can certainly help you as well.

The reverse of this letter provides details on how we can help to find a loving home for your cat.

**Participation in this program requires the following:**

- You must have access to reliable transportation (Clients need to provide transportation to adoption events and veterinary appointments).
  - You must agree to keep the cat(s) in a safe and secure indoor environment until a new home is found (average placement time ranges from 2 -4 months depending on the age, nature, and health of the cat).
  - **You must take financial responsibility for veterinary care. In order to participate in the program, the following veterinary care is required in advance:**
    1. **Cat must be spayed or neutered**
    2. **Current Rabies and Distemper Vaccines**
    3. **Test for FIV and FeLV, with documentation of results**
    4. **For cats 10 years of age or older, a full blood panel is also required**
- We have a low cost program available to help. Fax prior vet history to 860-394-4030 and we will refer you to the appropriate program.**
- E-mail or mail photographs (contact info is above)

If you do not fit the criteria, please find enclosed a list of rescue organizations that operate shelters. **However, please retain our cat rescue information as shelters are often full to capacity and you may submit your forms anytime in the future.**

Thanks for caring about the animals. Whether this is your pet or a stray you're trying to help, we have animal welfare professionals waiting to help you!

Warm Regards,  
Stephanie Radowitz  
Program Manager



## HELPLINE VIRTUAL RESCUE PROGRAM

Our Companions Helpline volunteers are animal welfare professionals who donate their time to helping pets in need. While assistance is free of charge, we do gratefully accept donations.

**Please know that we do not operate a shelter so we cannot take your cat or respond to emergency situations.** However, we have been very successful in helping people find new homes for their pets. The following is a synopsis of what Our Companions can offer through our virtual cat rescue program:

- We offer low cost veterinary services to get your cat up to date on vaccinations, tested for FIV and FeLV, and neutered (all required for our placement services).
- We advertise your cat on Petfinder.com, Newspaper, Radio, TV, Magazines, email and through posters.
- We hold adoption events where your cat can be displayed for adoption.
- We provide adoption applications and screen potential adopters to find the best home for your cat. Our screening process includes: personal and veterinary reference checks, education about transitioning the cat into a new home and support through the adoption process.
- Once an adopter is found, we will draft a contract between you and the new adopter. Should the adoption fail, we require one party to pledge that they will house the cat until a new adopter can be found. A donation to Our Companions is appreciated once the adoption is finalized.

**To sign up for this program, return the enclosed Assistance Request form, veterinary records, and photographs. It is important to note that this program does takes some time, so please return the information as soon as possible.**