

## OUR MISSION

The Lonely Miaow Association is dedicated to the rescue and care of stray and abandoned cats and kittens in the greater Auckland area. We serve the community by rescuing all stray/ unowned cats and kittens, caring for them to the best of our ability and finding new homes for them whenever possible. We need your support to continue and enhance our life-saving work.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
FOSTERING OR FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES  
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# FOSTERING

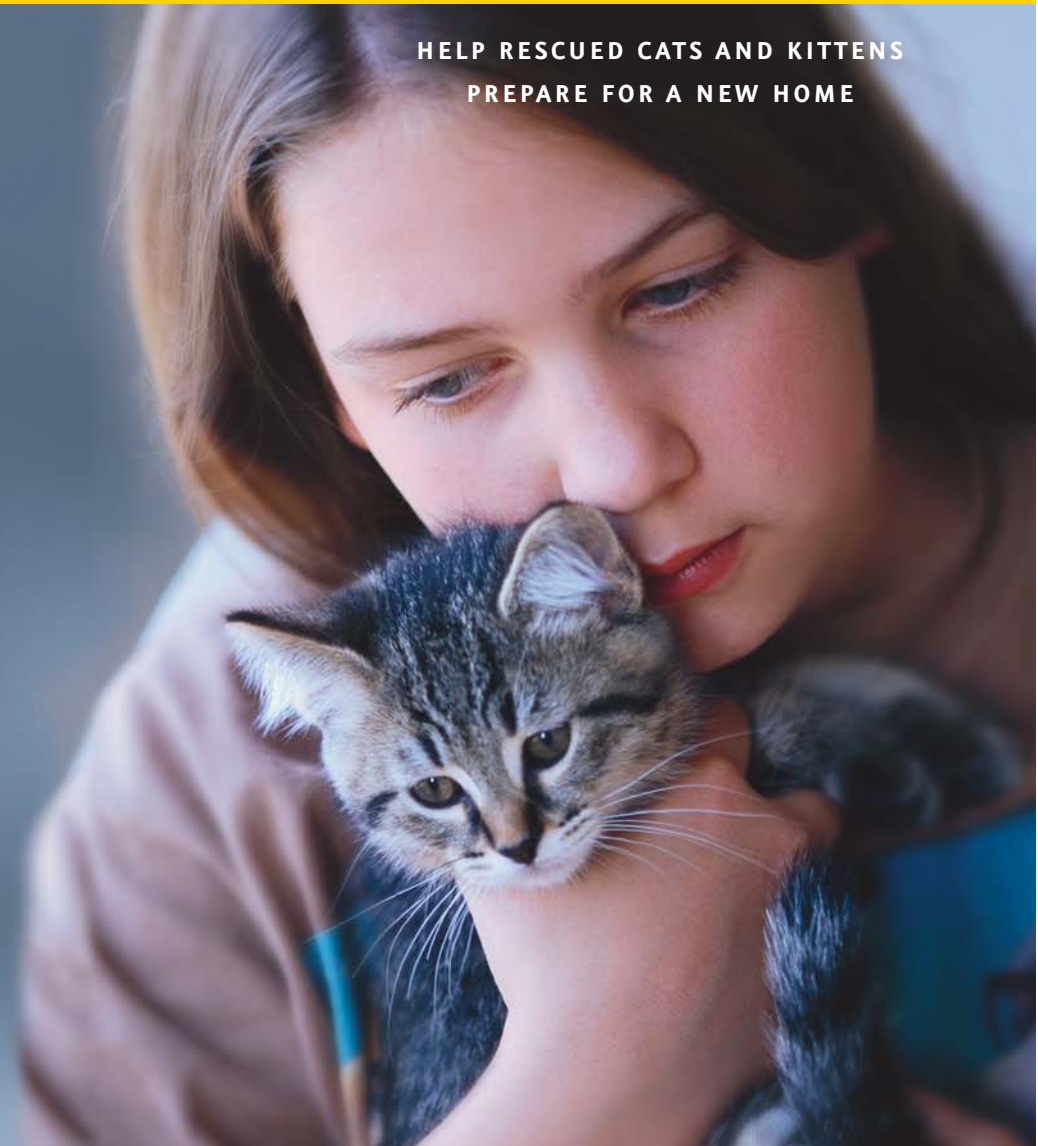
HELP RESCUED CATS AND KITTENS  
PREPARE FOR A NEW HOME

*"Never doubt that a small  
group of thoughtful, committed  
citizens can change the world;  
indeed, it's the only thing  
that ever has."*

*Margaret Mead*



WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GENEROUS  
SPONSORSHIP OF ASB BANK COMMUNITY TRUST





KitKat, a five-month-old female, rests in the arms of her foster parent waiting for someone to adopt her into a new home.



Scruff, a four-year-old male tabby, is happy to be inside safe from the streets with a warm and comfortable bed.



Tangerine, a one-year-old female, enjoys the luxury of her own bowl full of nourishing and tasty food.

## FOSTERING A CAT OR KITTEN

Stray or abandoned cats and kittens have often endured a traumatic experience being exposed to illness, stress and abuse. Before they can be re-homed they require a short period of rehabilitation through human companionship to make their transition into a new home as seamless as possible. We constantly struggle to find enough foster homes to cater for the increasing number of stray cats and kittens that are rescued each year. Your help is much appreciated.

### Why foster a cat or kitten?

This is a great opportunity to help a cat or kitten needing a temporary home until a permanent one is found. It is perfect for those who are unable to commit to long-term ownership of their own cat or kitten.

### Things to consider before fostering a cat or kitten

- Do you have a spare room where the cat or kitten will live?
- Can you keep the cat or kitten securely indoors at all times?
- Do you have sufficient time and patience?
- Are you willing and able to administer medicine if necessary?

### What am I required to do?

The most important thing is to interact with them as much as possible and to reassure them that they are safe and can trust you.

Often they will be underweight when rescued and in need of a

nourishing diet. No one wants to adopt an unhealthy looking cat so we need to return them to a healthy weight before re-homing.

In some cases medical treatment as prescribed by a vet is required and special care is needed to ensure a complete recovery. All that is required from you is to care for them as if they were your own pet.

### How long do I need to foster for?

In most cases, a kitten will only need two to three weeks of care before it is ready to be placed in a new home or re-homed through a carefully selected pet store. Occasionally some cats or kittens may need a longer period of fostering.

With the ever increasing number of cats and kittens being rescued, there are always more waiting in line for a foster home. For every one that is re-homed we have another ready to fill its place.

### Can I choose which cat I foster?

Generally as cats and kittens come in we need to find foster homes for them immediately so there usually isn't a selection to choose from.

However, if for any reason you prefer to foster a particular type, such as an older cat rather than a kitten, we can discuss what is required to best suit your situation.

### What will it cost?

The donations and sponsorship received each year allow us to provide most of the essential items such as:

- Holding cage
- Food bowls
- Wet and dry food
- Litter tray and litter
- Bedding

We also cover all veterinary costs that may be incurred.

### The fostering process

Once you have registered your interest to foster for us, we will keep your details on file and phone you when we require your services. You then have the choice to accept or decline the cats/kittens depending on your situation at the time.

All cats and kittens deserve a loving home. By working together we can all make a difference.

please help me  
find a home!



I would like to help the Lonely Miaow Association by offering my services as a foster home.

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Phone:.....Email: .....

Do you have any other pets?  Yes  No

Will someone be home a part of every day?  Yes  No

If you have any restrictions as to the type of cat or kitten you can foster please specify below:

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### Declaration: As the fostering party I agree to the following provisions:

1. I will give the fostered cat or kitten all due care and treatment.
2. I authorise a Lonely Miaow Association representative, at their request, to view the cat/kitten at any reasonable time, and will inform the Lonely Miaow Association if any misfortune should befall it.
3. If for any reason I cannot continue fostering the cat or kitten, I agree to notify the Lonely Miaow Association and to return the fostered cat or kitten upon request.
4. I understand that any failure to perform the above agreement will constitute a breach of contract. In the event of any such breach of contract, I authorise the Lonely Miaow Association to reclaim possession of the fostered cat or kitten.

Signed

Lonely Miaow Association:.....Date: .....

Foster Parent: .....Date: .....

### Please detach and return your completed form to:

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