

Welcome to Lane County Animal Service's stray cat program. We have a cattery, and we do take in stray cats from the city of Eugene and unincorporated Lane County. Here at LCAS our first priority is making sure that the animals in our care remain healthy and adoptable. We endeavor to protect any current cattery residents from diseases that may be imported by incoming cats. Even a "simple cold" or Upper Respiratory Infection, can spread through the entire cattery in days, devastating the population and costing thousands of dollars in medical care!

For this reason, LCAS has adopted a progressive and proactive new program for our cattery. We know that concerned citizens will support us in these changes, for the welfare of our feline friends! Here are the steps to participating in our new Cat Program:

1. If you have found a stray cat or kitten, it can be brought to LCAS during our normal business hours. (There is a fee for bringing cats to LCAS.)
2. The cat/kittens will receive a short exam, a vaccine against routine diseases, and any other basic medical care that it needs, such as treatment for earmites or fleas. We can also provide a litter pan, litter, and food for the stray cat.
3. You will take the cat back with you for a 2-3 week period. Why? Because vaccines do not offer immediate protection against disease, and the cat has the best chance of staying healthy if it was vaccinated 2-3 weeks prior to entering the shelter.
4. After the 2-3 week waiting period, the cat can be returned to the shelter for adoption.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

*Q: I don't have anywhere to keep the cat for 2-3 weeks, or I don't want to. What else can I do?*

A: LCAS is unable to accept cats without participation in our program. You can be put on a list for the cat to enter one of our foster homes, but the wait may be extensive. We recommend you expedite the process by trying to find a spare room or garage where the cat can briefly stay.

*Q: What if I lose the cat, or find it a home, before bringing it back to the shelter?*

A: The receiving fees are non-returnable, as they pay for the care the cat received from us.

*Q: What if the cat seems sick? What then?*

A: The LCAS veterinarian will supply you with medication, so that the cat will be healthy when it returns to LCAS. You will be responsible for administering the medications. We will be available for ongoing support until the cat is healthy and ready to enter our cattery.

*Q: What if the cat is very sick, or seriously injured?*

A: LCAS will immediately accept cats that need emergency medical care. This will be determined by our veterinarian or technicians.

Thank you for your patience and participation in our program. We know it would be easier to be able to just drop the cats or kittens off at LCAS, but we must take into consideration both the convenience of our customers as well as the costs of medicating and caring for cats with illnesses that could easily be prevented with simple preventative care.