



# KATS' TALES

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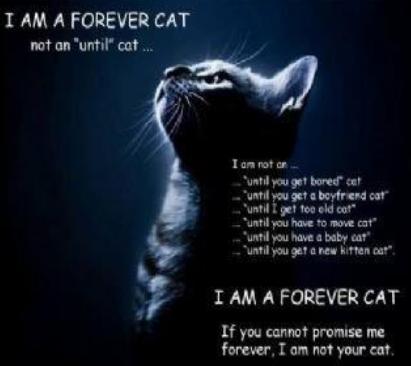
## ADOPTING A PET? BE SURE TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS FIRST

By Aimee Gilbreath

So you've been thinking about adding a dog or cat to your family, and have decided that you want to adopt. I know a little bit about this myself: During my seven years with Found Animals, a nonprofit dedicated to the happiness and safety of animals in the United States, I've fostered everything from teenage pit bulls to medically-challenged Chihuahuas. If you're wondering how you'll know when you're ready to welcome a four-legged addition to your home, ask yourself these questions: 1. What's My Motivation for Adopting a Pet? Are you looking for unconditional pet love and loyal companionship? Do you want an exercise buddy, or are you longing for an enthusiastic snuggler? If you know the answers to these questions, then you're on the right track. Bringing an adopted pet into your home is a wonderful way to gain a best friend, stress reliever, and workout partner all rolled into one. There are even health benefits to having a pet, like lower blood pressure and reduced depression. 2. Is My Living Arrangement Stable? The No. 1 reason pets are turned into shelters is that the owners' living situation changes when they move to a place where pets are not allowed. Is your rental pet-friendly for the type of pet you want? Does your lease permit it? How about your homeowner's insurance? Especially if you're considering adopting a large-breed dog, make sure you're clear on the legal ramifications. Keep in mind, if your rental or homeowner's insurance doesn't cover dogs, you can obtain dog liability insurance from a nationwide insurer. 3. Is My Place Set up for a Pet? Your primary responsibility as a pet guardian is to keep your pets safe. With this in mind, take a look around your house. Is it safe for a curious pet? If you're not on the ground floor, can you keep your pet safe from falls? Is your yard fenced to keep a pet from running away or getting lost? Is access to your pool closed off? Are toxic chemicals out of reach in your kitchen and garage, including antifreeze or other fluid spills on the garage floor?

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Cadet is a wonderful, friendly, inquisitive boy of about 2 years. He is a gorgeous steel grey and has lovely long fur. He is playful and gets along well with other cats. He was found as a stray, lying in the grass along a road, almost motionless. We were quite worried about him. But with excellent vet care and loving attention at the shelter, he has recovered beautifully and will make a warm and engaging addition to your home.

## \*UPCOMING EVENTS\*

- October 2 Join us at Danville's Autumn on the Green!
- October 15 Dime-a-Dip supper at the United Community Church—North St. Johnsbury; Food, Auction, Raffle items, and more!

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