

NEKO: A CAT CAFÉ

Cat Adoption Information Sheet

Thank you for your interest in adopting a Whatcom Humane Society (WHS) cat that is currently residing at NEKO: A Cat Café. We appreciate your interest in wanting to provide a cat with a permanent, responsible, and loving home. Please review the information below.

ADOPTION PROCESS

If you are interested in adopting a cat after visiting NEKO, please come to the Whatcom Humane Society's Division Street shelter in-person during our regular adoption business hours listed below. Bring along your completed NEKO cat adoption interest postcard listing the name of the cat (or cats – you can list your top 3 choices) you are interested in adopting and complete a WHS cat adoption application. Our staff will then assist you with determining the next steps needed to complete your adoption if the cat is a good match for your home.

Due to the overwhelming public interest in many of the cats at NEKO, the cat you are interested in adopting may already have a potential adoption hold on him/her. WHS will place up to 3 potential adoption holds on animals available for adoption. For this reason, we encourage you to complete the NEKO adoption interest postcard with your top 3 choices so our staff can assist you if your primary choice is not available.

In addition, depending on staff/volunteer resources, WHS may not be able to conduct an adoption counsel with you when you visit the shelter. There may be times when adoption applications for NEKO cats are compiled, reviewed, and the most appropriate match for a particular cat is then contacted and asked to come back to WHS for an adoption counsel. **ALL WHS adoption policies and requirements must be met before an adoption can be finalized.** *All members of your household will need to meet the cat you are interested in adopting, please keep this in mind when scheduling your NEKO visit. Standard NEKO visitation fees apply if repeated visits are needed to complete an adoption.*

If you are not selected for an adoption counsel or the cat of interest gets adopted by a family in line ahead of you, your adoption application will be kept on file at WHS for six months. We welcome you to check back if you find another cat you are interested in adopting and our staff will be happy to assist you.

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FINALIZED ADOPTION - PICKING UP MY NEKO CAT

Once your adoption of a NEKO cat is finalized, you will be provided with a date and time to come to WHS to process and complete your adoption paperwork and pay the adoption fee. After this process is complete, you will be able to pick up your new feline family companion at NEKO at a scheduled time and date.

To ensure the continued health and safety of all the cats currently at NEKO and for new shelter cats going over to the NEKO facility, WHS will only finalize and schedule the pick-up of 5 adopted cats per week. Depending on how many adoptions are processed at WHS in any given week, this means that adopters may have to wait anywhere from 1 – 4 weeks to complete adoption paperwork and pick up your adopted NEKO cat. We recognize that this may not be an ideal situation for some, but it's important that we do all we can to minimize the stress levels of all NEKO cats – current and new.

WHATCOM HUMANE SOCIETY DOMESTIC ANIMAL SHELTER LOCATION

2172 Division Street, Bellingham, WA 98226

(360) 733–2080, ext. 0

adoptions@whatcomhumane.org

ADOPTION SERVICE HOURS

Wednesday through Saturday, 11am – 5:30pm

Sunday & Monday, Noon – 4:30pm

Closed Tuesdays and Major Holidays (note: finalized adoption paperwork will be scheduled to be completed on Tuesdays when the shelter is closed to the public)

To learn more about WHS adoption policies and requirements, or to download a WHS cat adoption application please visit www.whatcomhumane.org.