

### Maximum Capacity

#### **PURPOSE**

This document defines the policy and procedures for maximum cat foster capacity rule.

#### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all cat program staff, volunteers, and fosters.

#### **POLICY**

APA! cat program staff, volunteers, and fosters will follow the maximum cat foster capacity rule in accordance with the documented procedures.

#### **BACKGROUND**

These rules were created in an effort to maximize the number of lives saved at APA!, while being able to maintain the highest standards of veterinary, behavioral, and nutritional care of APA! foster cats. These guidelines were written after examining the history of APA!, problems and successes of past fosters, and the current needs of the foster program.

#### **PROCEDURES**

##### **Maximum cat foster capacity rule**

- No foster may have more than two “crates” worth of animals at their home at one time.
- A “crate” of animals is defined as follows:
  - Litter of kittens with mother
  - Litter of kittens without mother (may be teen kittens or kittens eating on their own)
  - One adult
- There are very few exceptions\* to this rule. All exceptions must be cleared with a Cat Foster Manager prior to the cat being moved.
  - \*Exception: If an animal is about to die at the shelter, and a temporary foster is needed for 3 days or less, and permanent foster is already lined up.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For questions regarding this policy, contact document owner.