

### Working With PASS

General guidelines for working with the PASS program in regard to if and when the APA! Cat Program can accept cats from the public through PASS.

The PASS Manager frequently communicates with the Cat Program Manager to see if there is space to accept cats, if the program is in need of cats, or if we are totally full. The Cat Program is not obligated to accept any PASS animals and operates secondarily in priority to cats in crisis at local animal control facilities.

The PASS Manager will email the Cat Program Manager details on the situation and the Cat Program Manager will reply with the decision to accept or not, or ask for more details. The PASS Manager will then relay the decision, or any questions, to the citizen. The PASS Manager will handle providing surrender instructions to the citizen and do all 'leg work' of making that happen.

#### **General Criteria for Acceptable PASS Cats**

- Cat is highly adoptable and space allows for acceptance.
- Cat is reasonably adoptable and APA! needs cats.
- Cat is reasonably adoptable and located in a high-kill municipality, making shelter surrender a threat to the cat's well-being, and APA! has space.
- Cat is facing imminent threat/euthanasia/inhumane treatment and cannot go to a safe animal control (AAC), and APA! has space.
- Cat's condition is so grave that she would be euthanized at AAC but can be saved at APA.
- Cat appears at APA! in crisis and needs immediate lifesaving treatment.

Whenever possible, APA! will request the citizen obtain vet work before coming to APA! To minimize costs to the organization. This is not always possible depending on circumstances facing the cat and urgency.

#### **General Guidelines of PASS Cats APA Will Not Accept**

Cat can be accepted to AAC or other safe, no-kill municipal shelters.

- APA! is in space crisis and all efforts must be focused on AAC's needs, regardless of cat's situation.
- Cats with significant behavior or medical issues who are in no danger or who could be placed elsewhere or through other avenues.
- Regardless of situation, cats with medical problems which APA! cannot accommodate (currently only diabetes and incontinence.)
- Feral/community cats a citizen simply wants rehomed.

If the Cat Program Manager declines on accepting a PASS cat, the PASS Manager will still work to find safe placement for the cat.