

Medical Consult Policy

Consult (MC) Adoptions

If a cat has a "Medical Consult" attribute in SL, a medical consultation with a veterinarian will be necessary before a potential adopter can continue the adoption process. A list of current TLAC cats requiring a medical consult before adoption can be found on the bulletin board in main cattery.

Procedure:

1. Go over the adopter's questionnaire. Time is precious for our vets so please only bring over adopters who have passed the questionnaire phase of the adoption process and are serious about adopting the cat in question.
2. Print out the cat's medical records.
3. Walk the adopter over to the clinic with the medical records.
4. Have the adopter take a seat in the clinic waiting area and inform the receptionist you need a medical consult from a veterinarian.
5. On your way out of the clinic, let the adopter know that the vet will be out shortly to speak with them and that they should return to the cattery when they are finished with their consult.
6. If the adoption proceeds, be sure to apply the MC discount to the adoption fee, if applicable.

Don't forget to make a note of the cat's pre-existing medical condition on the appropriate section of the adoption contract!

Pre-Adopts

Some cats who are MCs will also be considered **Medical Pre-Adopts**. A medical pre-adopt is done if APA! already has plans to provide a cat with additional medical care for a special condition (an amputation, eye removal, dental surgery, specialist service, etc.) at the time of adoption. Cats who qualify for a medical pre-adopt will be identified by the clinic and listed on the bulletin board in the main cattery. If a counselor believes a cat is missing from the list, they should contact a manager.

A medical pre-adopt addendum must be completed along with regular adoption paperwork. Counselors should go over each item on the addendum, making sure the adopter initials each relevant item. A copy of this completed form should be sent home with the adopter while the original should be submitted with nightly adoption paperwork.

Please note that the medical pre-adopt addendum explicitly states that **APA! will only be treating the animal in question for the specific agreed upon issue and will not provide any other medical care.**

A medical pre-adopt differs from a regular pre-adopt in multiple ways:

- No surgery deposit required
- Unrelated to cat's neuter status
- APA! clinic will NOT provide free medical care for anything that may come up before animal is considered "released"
- Cat will not have a pre-adopt sign affixed to their name tag in cattery