

# SHADOW CATS



## What are SHADOW CATS?

**SHADOW CATS are SCARED CATS.** They are not used to people and just want to hide. They were usually born outdoors and have never lived with humans. We call them SHADOW CATS because for a long time, that may be all you will see — their shadows as they scurry under the sofa. They are timid and will flee when you approach. They are not *"instant pets"* (a cat who will come into your home and love you right away)... but one day, with TIME, LOVE & PATIENCE, they will become your friend. These cats may never be lap cats, but you never know how far they can progress. They are usually not vicious or mean, just very timid around people and need time to settle in. The length of time can vary and it could definitely take a while. However, some shadow cats may surprise us and settle in more quickly than we could hope. Maybe instead of shadow cats, we should call them SURPRISE CATS because how far they come and how long it takes is a surprise!

### WHEN YOU FOSTER/ADOPT A SHADOW CAT YOU ARE LITERALLY SAVING A LIFE.

As we take in hundreds of stray cats/kittens every year, the number of SHADOW CATS in our care keeps increasing. THESE SHADOW CATS are deemed unadoptable until they are socialised. While we have the TNR (Trap, Neuter & Return) program, there are some cats that just cannot be returned back to their original location for various reasons (e.g. rescued from a construction site). These scared cats should be placed in a foster home in order to become socialised and adoptable. Sadly, not many people want to foster shadow cats as they cannot be pet, cuddled or even touched. As a result, some of them have to stay in our cat enclosures for months.

**We are appealing for FOSTER HOMES for SHADOW CATS.** If you already have a cat, the SHADOW CAT could be a companion for your cat, and your own friendly cat will show it the benefit of having human friends. For pet lovers who are not home enough, fostering/adopting a shadow cat means you can still help a homeless pet without feeling guilty because they're alone so much. They will just be very happy to have a warm roof over their head, food, water and a kind person to speak to them as they find their comfort level and begin to trust you. And one day, when they are ready, your shadow cat will accept you in its life and that **REWARD IS PRICELESS!**

**Can you help one of these scared yet precious souls?  
Please email PARS: [info@peelanimalrescuesociety.com](mailto:info@peelanimalrescuesociety.com)**

**FOSTER a SHADOW CAT  
"HELP them become ADOPTABLE"**