



Cause 4 Paws

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Motto: "Making a difference one rescue at a time."

The Tragedy of "Free to a Good Home"

Most people have good intentions when they advertise a cat or dog as "free to a good home." They care what happens to the animal and are not interested in making money. All they want to do is find a nice family that is willing to give the pet a loving, responsible home. The tragedy occurs when the animal is mistakenly put into a situation where it is neglected, abandoned, abused, or even sold for lab experiments. Sadly, this sort of thing happens thousands of times each day across America.

Giving any pet away is misguided. People tend not to value what they don't pay for. If you charge a nominal fee of \$100-\$150 or more for an animal, the new owner is more likely to take their commitment to the pet seriously. A free pet is a disposable pet! Paying a fee for a pet shows good faith on the part of the new owner and demonstrates their willingness to properly care for the animal. The truth is, there is no such thing as a "free" pet anyway. By the time a cat or dog is checked out by a vet, including shots, worming, health testing, and spay/neuter, a "free" pet will easily cost in excess of \$200, and that's just for starters. A responsible person who would properly take care of an animal will understand this and will not be opposed to paying a reasonable fee for a healthy pet, especially if some or all of these health items have already been taken care of.

Still not convinced? Then ask yourself these questions, "If a person cannot afford to pay an adoption fee for a pet, how will they be able to afford the normal expenses of proper pet care? And how will they ever afford vet bills when the pet gets sick?"



The First Litter of 2022 --- Ayanna and 7 babies
4 girls, 3 boys, Born 2-25-22
They will be available for adoption the end of May!

Victoria
Sweet 8 yr old
Afraid of Dogs
Okay with cats
Declawed front
and back
Would love a nice
quiet home

