

Bonded Pair Cat Policy

Cats who are bonded pairs are rare at APA! due to the challenge this presents getting the cats adopted and a healthy cat's ability to adjust once in a home. More often than not, it is not fair to hold two cats up in the shelter system for any delay which can be avoided and still result in a happy, well adjusted adopted cat. Simultaneously, cats who are truly bonded and who face grave medical or psychological danger when separated will be considered for creation of "bonded pair" status.

This decision is made solely by a Cat Program Manager or Lead Shelter Veterinarian.

When two cats are a bonded pair, the adoption fee is always "Buy 1 Get 1" with the lowest adoption fee of the two cats being waived.

Minimum Requirements:

Cat/s are 5 years of age or more unless exceptional circumstance applies (Cat MOD decision only).
Cat/s must have lived together for at least two years.
Cat/s must become anorexic, requiring medical intervention, at least two substantiated times when separated.

Calculator: For help in decision making process, only. The below calculator does not mandate two cats are 'bonded', it is only a guide to help the Cat MOD make a decision.

Age of both cats, in years, combined (Cat 1 age in years + Cat 2 age in years) = ____
Number of unique times Cat 1 has become anorexic when separated = ____
Number of unique times Cat 2 has become anorexic when separated = ____
If Cat 1 displays lethargy when separated, enter 1 here = ____
If Cat 2 displays lethargy when separated, enter 1 here = ____
If Cat 1 stops grooming when separated, enter 1 here = ____
If Cat 2 stops grooming when separated, enter 1 here = ____
How many years have both cats lived together = ____

If the above calculation totals 20 points or more, it may be reasonable to consider the cats a bonded pair if the Minimum Requirements have also been met.