

Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc.  
A *NO-KILL* Animal Shelter

Adoption Application

ATTENTION: PLEASE READ

In order to be considered for receiving a pet from Dogs and Cats Forever, you must:

- 1) Be at least 25 yrs of age
- 2) Have knowledge and consent of all adults in your household
- 3) Have a valid picture ID with your current address

Please fill out this application honestly and to the best of your ability. The following information is required so that we can assist you in the selection of your new pet. This form and consultation is designed to help us determine if the adoption is in the animal's best interest, and to assist you in finding the animal most compatible with your lifestyle.

Filling out this application *does not* automatically insure that you will be approved to adopt from our organization. By filling this out you are *not* putting a "hold" on the animal. The adoption committee will review your application and check the information provided. We have the sole right to approve or deny *any* application submitted.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Animal you are interested in:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Cat \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/Neutered \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DL # \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
Ph # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_ how long at current job \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's Ph # \_\_\_\_\_ Employer's address \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you financially able to properly care for your pet(s)?  Yes  No  
(Average food & medical bill per pet is approx. \$500/yr)  
Personal reference \_\_\_\_\_ ph# \_\_\_\_\_  
Who shares your household?  spouse  significant other  roommate  children  
If children, list ages \_\_\_\_\_  
If your present relationship were to change, with whom would the animal remain?  
\_\_\_\_\_

At what age do you feel children are responsible enough to take care of a pet without assistance (i.e., feed, change litter, leash walk, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you or anyone in your household have pet allergies?  Yes  No

**Housing Information**

Housing  own (house)  own (condo)  rent  
Name of landlord (if renting) \_\_\_\_\_ ph # \_\_\_\_\_  
*We will need a copy of your lease agreement including pet policy*

Length of time at current residence \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning on moving in the next 12 months?  yes  no

If you move in the future what will happen with your pet(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a secure fenced in yard?  Yes  No

If so, what is the type and height of the fence? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the bottom of the fence secure so that the animal can't get out?

Yes  no

Which of the following is used to secure your gate?

latch  key lock  deadbolt  pad lock  do not lock gate

Reason for not securing gate \_\_\_\_\_

Would you agree to a home check prior to adoption?  Yes  No

### **Pet History**

Would this be your first pet?  Yes  No

What kind of pets have you had in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have other pets?  Yes  No  Dogs  Cats

If so, please list age, breed and names \_\_\_\_\_

*(All current pets must be spayed/neutered and be up to date on all vaccines)*

What happened to the pets you no longer have? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously adopted an animal from a shelter?  Yes  No

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a shelter?  Yes  No

If so, please list circumstances \_\_\_\_\_

Have you tried to adopt an animal from another rescue group?

If so, what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do have pets, how do you feel they will adjust to a new animal in the house? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want this animal?

companion  companion for other pet  watch dog  hunting

for the kids to play with

Are you prepared to get a trainer for your new pet if needed?

Yes  No If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

How much time do you plan to spend per day giving your pet

physical/emotional attention? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours in a day will the animal be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Which rooms, if any, are off limits to the animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the pet be allowed on the furniture?  yes  no

What do you think is the best way to keep your animal's teeth clean?

clean them myself  never thought about it  have them cleaned by a professional  it's not necessary

Which of the following would you use for flea/tick control?

flea spray  flea bath  flea collar  herbal flea collar

flea comb  frontline, advantix, or other similar flea prevention

### **Dogs (only fill in below if applying for a dog)**

If you currently have a dog, is your dog on Heartworm prevention? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever bred a dog? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you exercise your dog on a regular basis? \_\_\_\_\_

What exercise method and how often? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog be kept at night? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you feed your dog dry or canned food? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times a day? \_\_\_\_\_

What method do you intend to use to housetrain your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

In which of the following situations would you allow your dog off leash?

\_\_\_ public park \_\_\_ hike \_\_\_ beach \_\_\_ neighborhood walk \_\_\_ front yard

\_\_\_ dog park \_\_\_ other

What discipline will you use if your dog chews your favorite shoes?

\_\_\_ swat nose \_\_\_ spank w/ hand \_\_\_ spank fanny w/ newspaper

\_\_\_ stern voice \_\_\_ scruffing \_\_\_ other

Which of the following would force you to give up your dog?

\_\_\_ divorce/separation \_\_\_ move out of state \_\_\_ move where pets aren't allowed \_\_\_ dog barks a lot

\_\_\_ dog nips at strangers \_\_\_ dog bites kids

\_\_\_ marry someone with allergies \_\_\_ dog loses control of bladder

\_\_\_ dog develops chronic illness \_\_\_ big vet bills \_\_\_ dog is untrainable

\_\_\_ dog is not the kind of dog I thought it would be \_\_\_ having a baby

\_\_\_ dog doesn't get along with current pet \_\_\_ neighbors complain about dog

\_\_\_ would never give up dog

### **Cats (only fill in below if applying for a cat)**

If you have a cat is it de-clawed? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do you plan on de-clawing your new cat? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If the cat clawed your furniture, what would you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your cat go outside? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If so, is it vaccinated for Feline Leukemia? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If you currently have a cat, is your cat on Heartworm prevention?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever bred a cat? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ no If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the cat be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the cat be kept at night? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the litter box be placed? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on taking your cat to the vet for annual exams? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Will you feed your cat canned or dry food? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times a day? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following would force you to give up your cat?

\_\_\_ divorce/separation \_\_\_ move out of state \_\_\_ move where pets aren't allowed \_\_\_ cat meows a lot

\_\_\_ cat hisses at strangers \_\_\_ cat bites or scratches kids \_\_\_ marry someone w/ allergies \_\_\_ cat

loses bladder control \_\_\_ cat develops chronic illness \_\_\_ big vet bills \_\_\_ cat is untrainable

\_\_\_ not the kind of cat I thought it would be \_\_\_ having a baby \_\_\_ cat doesn't get along w/ current

pet \_\_\_ cat claws furniture \_\_\_ would never give up cat

### **Vet Information**

Name of Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time with current Vet \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to cover any vet expenses your pet may incur throughout its life?  Yes  no  
Is there a limit?  Yes  No How much is too much? \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you consider euthanizing your pet because of medical costs?  
 Yes  No If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc. requires that all animals be altered when they reach 6 months of age and a failure to do so will result in the animal being confiscated?  
 Yes  No  
Do you agree to register and license this animal?  Yes  No  
Do you agree to give your animal regular health care?  Yes  No  
Do you understand that if you are no longer able to keep the animal, you must notify Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc. and return the animal to our facility?  Yes  No

### **TERMS OF ADOPTION**

Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc. does ask for an adoption fee in order to help cover expenses. Anything received above that amount is a tax-deductible donation.

I certify that the above information is correct. I agree to and will adhere to the adoption policies of Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc.

Should an unaltered animal be placed with me, I agree to have it spayed/neutered by such date agreed upon by Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc. and myself. At the time, I will forward evidence of the procedure being completed to Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc.

This animal will reside in my house as a companion and family member. I will provide it with adequate food, water, shelter, training, affection and medical care. I understand that Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc. is strictly an adoption agency and is not responsible for the accuracy of information received about the habits, temperament, or physical condition of the animals available for adoption. I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate the animal for myself before agreeing to adopt it. I am in full agreement with these terms of adoption. Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc. shall not be liable for and is hereby relieved from all liability for any damages, expenses, fines, suits, demands, judgments, or claims of any nature whatsoever arising from any damage to property and/or injury to any persons or other animal caused directly or indirectly by the animal placed in my home.

Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc. reserves the right to follow up on the adoption in order to protect the welfare of the animal. A representative from Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc. will be allowed to have periodic visitation during the first year of adoption.

If, for valid reason, the adoption is not satisfactory for the adopting party, or if the adopting party fails to comply with all terms and conditions of the adoption, or if any misrepresentations have been or are made by the adopting party, the animal must be returned to Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc. Ownership of the animal may not be transferred for any reason.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_