



Cat Adoption Application

Not every pet will fit into your lifestyle. Our adoption counselors will ask you many questions to determine which pet will do well in your home and which will not. We want the pet you choose to be the one you will love for its lifetime! Please understand that we deal with homeless animals. Many of our animals come from unknown backgrounds. The adoption process may seem time consuming, but we wish to maximize an animal's chance for a successful adoption. Adopting a companion pet is a major consideration and responsible pet ownership demands a considerable commitment.

To be considered as an adopter, you must:

- Be 21 years of age or older
- Have photo ID showing age and current address
- Have the knowledge and consent of your landlord
- Be able and willing to provide training, medical care, and loving attention for a pet
- Understand that there are no refunds once the adoption is complete

Applicant Information:

Are you 21 years of age or older? Yes No

Name: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ 2nd Phone #: (for microchip) _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: (required for pet health insurance gift) _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____

If less than 3 yrs., previous address: _____

Do you own the home? _____

Rent? _____ (a statement from the landlord with address & phone number is required)

Does anyone in your household have allergies to dogs or cats? _____

Are there any children in the family? _____ How many and what ages? _____

What is your occupation? _____ Place of employment? _____

Employer's Phone #: _____

Are you adopting for yourself or someone else? _____

Who will be responsible for the care of the pet? _____

1. Cats typically live 15-20 years. Are you financially prepared to provide the necessary care for your pet including: proper food, vaccinations, parasite control (fleas, ticks, worms, etc.), city licensing, adequate shelter, and veterinary care for yearly check-ups, or an after-hours medical *emergency* or *illness*, which could **cost \$500** or more each year? Yes No Tell me more

2. How would you describe your home environment?

- Very Active Active Calm Very Calm

3. Why do you want this cat?

- Companionship Outdoor Cat Indoor Cat Mouser Companion for other pet
 Breeding Gift Other (explain)_____

4. I want a cat that seeks attention:

- All the time Some of the time Occasionally

5. What arrangements will you make for the care of your pets in case of emergency?

6. What do you consider a good reason to give up your pet?

7. Where will your cat live?

- Indoor only Outdoor only With free access to both indoors & outdoors
 In the barn In the garage Other _____

8. If allowed outdoors, will this cat be confined or run free? _____

9. Do you have any of the following?

- Screened porch Fenced yard Pet door Cat fencing

10. Do you plan to declaw the cat?

- Yes No Maybe

***A declawed cat MUST remain -INDOORS ONLY for his/her entire life due to their lack of self-defense**

11. Do you understand that cats may take from one day to eight months to adjust to their new environment?

- Yes No Tell me more

12. Your new cat must remain indoors until they are fully adjusted. Kittens are more vulnerable to outdoor dangers/elements and should have supervision when outside until they are an adult.

Are you willing to allow for this adjustment period?

- Yes No, I prefer a pet who will adjust quickly Not sure

13. How long will your cat be left alone on a daily basis?

- More than 9 hrs./day 4-9 hrs./day Less than 4 hrs./day

14. If you currently have other pets, will they adjust to a new cat in the house?

- Yes No I don't know

15. Have you ever brought an animal to an animal shelter under any circumstances?

Yes No If yes, why? _____

16. What is the name of your Veterinarian or Veterinary Hospital? _____

PET HISTORY: In the past 5 years, what pets have you owned (include those pets that have passed)?

Pet Name:	
Breed/Type:	
Age:	
Sex:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Kept Where?	<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor <input type="checkbox"/> Both
Spayed/Neutered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
Current on Vaccinations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
On Heartworm Prevention?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
Do you still have?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If no, why?	

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17. Adopting a cat will require new responsibilities and changes in your life.

Have you considered the following? :

- Time spent giving daily attention (cats require play time to vent energy & utilize their instincts)
- Cleaning litter box daily
- Shedding/ grooming
- Administering medications if needed
- Supervising young children’s interactions w/ the cat (for the safety of both the child and cat)
- Damage to property (ex. scratching furniture, chewing wires, etc.)
- Cat-proofing your home to prevent cat hazards and damage to valued items
- If you go away for a few days, or on a vacation, who will take care of the cat?

If adopting a Kitten:

- Litter box accidents
- Kitten-proofing your home (very similar to child-proofing your home)
- Kittens require a great deal more attention and supervision than adults. They have a very high energy level and can easily get into trouble climbing drapes, chewing on wires, etc.
- A kitten is less likely to become bored and destructive if he/she has a playmate. (such as another kitten)

I would like additional information on the following:

✓ CATS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Destructive Scratching
<input type="checkbox"/>	Solving Litter Box Problems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Solving Aggression Between Family Cats
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Cat Hazards
<input type="checkbox"/>	How to Trim a Cat’s Claws
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introducing Your New Cat to the Litter Box
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declawing Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introducing Your Dog to a New Cat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enriching Your Cat’s Life
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foods That Are Hazardous to Cats
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cats Who Eat Plants
<input type="checkbox"/>	Training Your Cat

✓ DOGS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Crate Training
<input type="checkbox"/>	Separation Anxiety
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housetraining Your Puppy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Puppy Mouthing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-Housetraining Your Adult Dog
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introducing Your New Dog to Your Resident Dog
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introducing Your Cat to Your New Dog
<input type="checkbox"/>	Positive Reinforcement Training
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foods That Are Hazardous to Dogs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enriching Your Dog’s Life
<input type="checkbox"/>	Destructive Chewing

I HEREBY RELEASE TO THE DOROTHY O’CONNOR PET ADOPTION CENTER ALL VETERINARY RECORDS OF ANY AND ALL ANIMALS I OWN OR HAVE OWNED. I CERTIFY THAT I AM 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER AND THAT ALL THE INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND I UNDERSTAND THAT FALSE INFORMATION OR UNANSWERED QUESTIONS MAY VOID THE APPLICATION. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE DOROTHY O’CONNOR PET ADOPTION CENTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DENY ANY ADOPTION APPLICATION.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

STAFF USE ONLY:

- Vet Checked Landlord Check Adopter Check Staff Initials _____
 Approved Denied (specify reason) Pending Placed on **Hold** until _____

Animal Name: _____

Comments: _____
