



CAT ADOPTION GUIDELINES

ALL PROSPECTIVE ADOPTERS MUST:

- Be 21 years of age and have a valid ID with a current verifiable permanent address and permanent verifiable local phone number.
- Ensure that the head of household and all other adults living in the household have consented to the adoption.
- Bring all children and as many adult family members as possible to meet the cat and Adopt-A-Pet representative before the adoption.
- Have the financial ability to pay adoption fee and ongoing expenses to properly care for cat, including routine and emergency veterinary care and grooming.
- Ensure that cats are allowed in rented housing. Renters must show copy of lease or other proof from landlord that the cat is allowed.
- Fill out the Adoption Application, and understand that the application has to be approved and that the approval process may take 24-48 hrs. or longer.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING A CAT, YOU MUST FIRST BE INTERVIEWED BY AN ADOPTION COUNSELOR. YOU MAY DO THIS IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1. Call 847-870-8999 and leave a message in Mailbox Number 1.
2. Send in a FIND A PET form from our website www.adoptapet-il.org (Click on HOW TO ADOPT - FIND THE PURRFECT PET).
3. Fill out this Application and fax to **866-648-2603**. If you have already spoken to an Adoption Counselor, be sure to fill in that person's name on the "Attention:" line so we make sure it gets routed to the right person.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS APPLICATION IS FILLED OUT IN ITS ENTIRETY.



IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE REALIZE THAT THERE MAY BE APPLICATIONS ALREADY PENDING ON THE KITTEN OR CAT THAT YOU'VE SET YOUR HEART ON. APPLICATIONS ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVE BASIS, BUT IN THE EVENT THERE ARE MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS ON THE SAME ANIMAL WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SELECT THE HOME THAT WE FEEL BEST SUITS THAT PARTICULAR ANIMAL.



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CAT ADOPTION APPLICATION

ATTENTION: _____

Thank you for your co-operation in answering the following questions. Please understand that our first obligation is to the welfare of our animals. It is our responsibility to find **permanent** loving homes for each of them. Therefore, we have adoption guidelines in place and we reserve the right to deny any adoption we feel is unsuitable. If your application is approved, you will be called to arrange to meet animals you're interested in or pick up an animal that you've already decided on. You will be expected to bring a proper carrier to transport the cat home in (no cardboard boxes, please).

Name: _____ Age: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Apt. # _____ Work Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____

Do you Rent or Own? _____ House Apartment Condo Mobile Home Dorm w/ Parents

How long at current address? _____ If less than 2 yrs., what was your previous address? _____

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If you rent, does your lease allow pets? _____ How many? _____ Name/phone of landlord _____

Do you plan on moving in the foreseeable future? _____

If you ever moved into a building that did not allow pets, what would you do with your cat? _____

If you moved out of state, what would you do with your cat? _____

If you died or became incapacitated, what would happen to your cat? _____

Do you attend school? Work full time? Work part time? School or work hours _____

Employer: _____ Phone: _____

Are you single? Married? Have roommate? Spouse's or roommate's name: _____

of adults in household: _____ Relationship of other adults in household _____

of children in household: _____ Ages of girls _____ Ages of boys _____

Is anyone home during the day? Yes No If not, how many hours will pet be left alone? _____

Where will your cat be kept during the day? _____ Night? _____ When alone? _____

How will you provide for your cat when you are out of town? _____

Have you ever had a pet before? _____ Number and types of pets _____

Where are these pets now? _____

What pets do you currently have at home? # of dogs _____ Ages _____

of cats _____ Ages _____ Other: _____

How did you acquire these pets? _____

Are your current pets indoor or outdoor pets? _____ Are they spayed/neutered? Yes No

Will your new cat/kitten be an: Indoor pet? Outdoor pet? Indoor/outdoor pet?

Who is your veterinarian? _____ Phone # _____

What name(s) are your pet(s) listed under at your vet? _____

Do you agree to spay/neuter your new cat? Yes No Do you plan to declaw your cat? Yes No

Have you ever had to give up a pet? Yes No Under what circumstances? (Why?) _____

What did you do with it? _____

Does everyone in your household wish to adopt a cat? Yes No

Why do you want to adopt a cat? Companion For a Child As a mouser

To breed Companion for another pet Gift Other: _____

Does anyone in your household have an allergy to cats? Yes No Don't know

If so, how will you handle the situation? _____

Who will be primarily responsible for: Feeding the cat? _____ Litterbox cleaning? _____

Brushing the cat? _____ Veterinary visits? _____

Which of the following cat behaviors/characteristics present a problem for you?

Jumping on furniture Jumping on counters Scratching furniture

Chewing on plants Playful nipping Shedding Hiding

How will you resolve this problem? _____

If your pet developed a medical condition that cost \$250 to treat, what would you do? _____

Have you ever adopted from a Humane Organization in the past? Yes No If yes, which one? _____

It may take your pet a month or more to adjust to a new home. Are you willing to allow this much time for adjustment? _____

Are you willing to provide a permanent home to this cat for its lifetime? (15-20 yrs.)? Yes No

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

Name _____ Phone # _____ Relationship _____

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Adopting a cat or a kitten is a serious responsibility. The cat you adopt today will likely be a part of your family for the next 15 to 20 years. Each cat has its own distinct personality and preferences, some of which you can help shape, others which you cannot change. A pet makes considerable demands on your time and resources. Cat owners need to spend time cleaning litter boxes, socializing, grooming, feeding and playing with their cat each day. Cats that are shy or have not had much human contact need even more time and socialization. All cats require special food and regular veterinary care; these expenses could exceed \$500 a year, not including unforeseen veterinary expenses. Start-up costs could be another \$75-\$175.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNING A CAT? _____

I would consider providing a permanent home to:

Friendly/Lap Cat Playful/Energetic Cat Quiet Cat Shy Cat Pair of Cats

Cat that needs socializing Senior Cat Special Needs Cat Handicapped Cat

I strongly prefer: Long Hair Short Hair Male Female Age Range _____

Color _____ 2-Paw Declaw 4-Paw Declaw Not Declawed

I am particularly interested in (name of cat) _____ or _____
(first choice) (second choice)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT ADOPT-A-PET?

Yellow Pages Internet Search Newspaper Ad Which Newspaper? _____

Petfinder.com Friend Vet Which Vet? _____

Repeat Adopter PetSmart Other (please specify) _____

By signing below, I certify that the information provided on this application is true and I recognize that any misrepresentation of facts may result in losing adoption privileges. I authorize investigation of all statements in this application and understand that veterinarians, landlords, other humane agencies, etc. may be contacted. I further understand that the adoption of this pet may be delayed until this information can be verified.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Application checked by _____	Date _____
Applicant Interviewed by _____	Date _____
Landlord Check _____	Date _____
Vet Check _____	Date _____
Reference #1 _____	Date _____
Reference #2 _____	Date _____
Shelter Check _____	Date _____
Home Check _____	Date _____

Comments/Concerns

Approved by _____ Denied by _____

Reason Denied _____