

CAT ADOPTION APPLICATION

SOUTHWEST METRO ANIMAL RESCUE AND ADOPTION SOCIETY

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Please take time to accurately complete the application . Thank you.

Welcome to Southwest Metro Animal Rescues Adoption Program. Each question on this application must be completed in as much detail as possible. Incomplete applications will not be considered. A copy of our return/exchange policy is on the reverse side of this application.

Date _____ Name _____

Name of Spouse _____

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ Engaged _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone # () _____ Evening Phone # () _____

Drivers License # _____

Are you under 21 years of age? Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, what is your age? _____

E-mail address _____

Residence: (check one) _____ House _____ Condo _____ Apartment _____ Hobby Farm _____ Mobile Home _____

Do you Own or Rent? _____ Own _____ Rent _____ If you rent, do you have permission from your landlord to have a cat? Yes _____ No _____

Name of Landlord _____ Phone # () _____

Are you planning on moving in the next 6 months? _____ Yes _____ No _____ If yes, where and when? _____

Do you have children under the age of 18 living in the household? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, list their ages _____

If you have children, what has been their exposure to cats? None _____ Some _____ A lot _____

Excluding children, spouse and applicant, list any other residents living in the household

1) Name _____ Relation _____

2) Name _____ Relation _____

Is everyone living in the household aware of the decision to adopt a cat? Yes _____ No _____

If not, list their name (s) _____

Who will be the person responsible for the daily care of the cat such as feeding and cleaning the litter box? _____

How many adult cats are living in the home? _____

What is the activity level of your household? _____ Quiet _____ Active _____ Very Active _____

How often do people visit your home? _____ Seldom _____ Occasionally _____ Very Frequently _____

Are you familiar with your local animal ordinances? (the number of pets allowed to reside in a household?) _____

Where will the cat be kept during the day when at work and/or away for the day? _____

Where will the cat be kept during the nighttime? _____

Are you interested in an indoor or outdoor cat? _____ Indoors _____ Outdoors _____ Both _____

If both, explain _____

As an adult, would this be your first cat? (excluding childhood pets) Yes___No___

If this is *not* your first cat as an adult, what has been your experience with cats? ___Had one or two ___Knowledgeable & Experienced

Describe your past experience with cats and what educational experience you have had with cats. _____

Please provide a description of how you would correct your new kitten/cat if it showed destructive behavior like spraying, scratching or jumping on counter tops. _____

List all of the pets you have owned within the past 7 years:

PET #1 Dog___ Cat___ Spayed/Neutered? Yes___No___ Male___ Female___ Age_____

Housed: Indoors___ Outdoors___ Both___ If both, explain_____

Do you still have this pet? Yes___No___ If no, explain in detail what happened to the the pet_____

PET #2 Dog___ Cat___ Spayed/Neutered? Yes___No___ Male___ Female___ Age_____

Housed: Indoors___ Outdoors___ Both___ If both, explain_____

Do you still have this pet? Yes___No___ If no, explain in detail what happened to the pet_____

PET #3 Dog___ Cat___ Spayed/Neutered? Yes___No___ Male___ Female___ Age_____

Housed: Indoors___ Outdoors___ Both___ If both, explain_____

Do you still have this pet? Yes___No___ Of no, explain in detail what happened to the pet_____

(If extra space is needed to list additional pets, use the bottom of this page and/or margin area)

Have your own pets been introduced to other animals? Yes___ No___ If yes, how did they react?_____

Do you understand the steps required to properly introduce your new cat to the other animals currently living in your home? Yes___ No___

Are you willing to pay for and/or work with a behaviorist or animal trainer if necessary to eliminate problems cited as reasons for behavioral issues?

Yes___No___

Did your previous pets and/or your current pets receive annual veterinary care? Yes___No___

If yes, circle the routine care they receive routinely:

Cats:	PRC-C	Dogs:	DHPP-C	
	RABIES		RABIES	
	FELINE LEUKEMIA		HEARTWORM TEST	IF YES, MONTHLY PREVENTATIVE GIVEN? Yes___No___
	TEST FOR PARASITES		TEST FOR PARASITES	

Name of attending clinic_____ Phone # Of Clinic_____

Name of Veterinarian_____ Who's name is listed on the account?_____

Are you aware of the annual routine vaccinations recommended for the health and protection of cats? Yes___ No___

What is your occupation?_____

Spouses Occupation_____

How many hours will the cat be left alone?_____ On the average, how many evenings per week do you spend at home?_____

Are you and/or your family frequent travelers? Yes___ No___

If yes, explain:

How much do you think it will cost to take care of this animal each year? (food, supplies, vet bills, major medical care if needed, etc.) \$ _____

What activity level are you looking for in a cat?

Calm (i.e. will sit on your lap and cuddle) Semi-active (i.e. will require medium level of stimulation, etc.)

Active (i.e. will require daily mental and physical stimulation, constant attention, etc.)

Do you know if anyone living in the household is allergic to cats? Yes No (answer the 2 following questions accordingly)

If no, if you discover that someone living in the household is allergic, or develops allergies, are you willing to spend additional money on allergy medications? Yes No

If you know of someone living in the household that IS allergic to dogs, is that person currently on allergy medications? Yes No

Are you prepared financially for emergency medical and/or major medical care for the pet? Yes No
(Please be aware that emergency and major medical care needed for cats can be expensive)

What are your reasons for adopting a cat? (check all that apply)

Companion for me Companion for other pet Companion for Children House pet

Gift Mouser Barn Cat Other _____

IMPORTANT

READ RETURN-EXCHANGE POLICY ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS APPLICATION BEFORE SIGNING

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Although the screening process may seem excessively time-consuming, it is important to keep in mind that screening benefits potential adopters as much as it benefits the animals. Adoption screening increases the likelihood that you will adopt the animal that is right for you! Like humans, animals have unique personalities, backgrounds, temperaments and needs. Not every animal is appropriate for every home. Adoption applications and consultations are important tools in the decision making process. This form, along with a consultation with a SMARAS Representative are designed to help you find the cat most compatible with your lifestyle. SMARAS is responsible for helping potential adopters assess the compatibility of a companion animal.

I understand and accept that it is SMARAS's prerogative to decide which home is most appropriate for the individual cat, and therefore I will not take issue with the decision. Unless otherwise indicated by SMARAS, I may be considered for another cat.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE STATED APPLICATION CAREFULLY AND CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IS ACCURATE AND TRUE. I UNDERSTAND THAT OMISSION OF INFORMATION AND/OR FAILURE TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS AND SIGN THE APPLICATION CAN RESULT IN THIS APPLICATION BEING DECLINED. ALSO, IF AN OMISSION OR UNTRUTH IS DISCOVERED AFTER AN ADOPTION TAKES PLACE, I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT SMARAS HAS THE RIGHT TO ANNUL THE ADOPTION AND RECLAIM THE CAT. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE PET IS RECLAIMED THERE WILL NOT BE A REFUND OF MONEY. I HAVE ALSO READ AND AGREE TO THE RETURN/EXCHANGE POLICY ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS APPLICATION.

Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse's Signature _____ Date _____

SMARAS Representative _____ Date _____

-----OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE-----

Case # _____ Breed _____

Animal Name _____ SMARAS Representative _____

Comments _____

RETURN-EXCHANGE POLICY

SOUTHWEST METRO ANIMAL RESCUE AND ADOPTION SOCIETY

- 1) Although every animal admitted to Southwest Metro Animal Rescue and Adoption Society (SMARAS) has been provided with a wellness exam by a veterinary clinic prior to adoption, we cannot guarantee the health of every animal, nor can we be held responsible for their behavior after adoption.
- 2) SMARAS provides a Medical Form for each pet adopted from our society listing all of the medical care the pet has received. Refer to this form for explanation of any and all medical treatments. Adopters are required to continue with ongoing veterinarian care for the life of the pet.
- 3) SMARAS offers a free wellness exam by a licensed veterinarian for every animal adopted within seven (7) days of adoption. A list of participating veterinarians will be provided.
- 4) When adopting a pet from SMARAS, you are agreeing to be responsible for any and all medical expenses for the adopted pet.
- 5) If you need to return the pet for **health reasons**, and you desire an exchange certificate, you may do so within ten (10) days from adoption, **if the wellness exam is done within seven (7) days of adoption**. An exchange certificate is applicable towards the exchange of an animal of equal or lesser value pending consultation with a SMARAS Representative to determine if the exchange pet is appropriate for the new home. We understand it may take time to find the appropriate pet for the household; therefore, exchange certificates will be valid for up to one (1) year from adoption.
- 6) To be eligible for an Exchange Certificate, you must provide SMARAS with the adopter's copy of the Adoption Agreement/Contract and valid picture identification. Only one Exchange Certificate can be issued per family.
- 7) No exchange certificate will be issued for reasons that should have been considered before making the decision to adopt a pet such as (but not limited to):

Allergies, existing or developed
Not enough time for pet
Not housebroken
Moving, can't keep
Scratches the furniture

Not wanted by spouse and/or children, etc.
Digs holes in yard
Too playful for people and/or other pets
Sheds too much in house
Barks too much

The above-listed reasons, as well as similar behaviors and situations, should be considered prior to adopting an animal. If you are not prepared to handle behavior issues that may arise, it is in your best interest (and the animals) to postpone adoption at this time. Should you decide to postpone the adoption at this time, or take some time to reconsider, SMARAS understands your decision and appreciates your honesty.

- 8) **If for any reason you are unable to keep the pet, health reasons or otherwise, adopter is required to contact SMARAS for the prompt return of the animal without making any charges of any kind for any liabilities. *This policy is required for the life of the adopted pet.***

THERE IS NEVER A REFUND OF MONEY

YOUR SIGNATURE ON THIS APPLICATION INDICATES THAT YOU HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE RETURN/EXCHANGE POLICY AND THAT YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE POLICIES.