



CFC #34517
703-715-MEOW
www.fourpaws.org

ADOPTION INFORMATION SHEET

IF YOU'RE APPLYING TO ADOPT A CAT

- To speed the processing of your application, fax it to (703) 560-9795. You can also leave the completed application and a signed copy of the contract at the store. Please take the rest of the packet home with you, including this page. Be sure to call us at (703) 715-MEOW (6369) to let us know you've left an application. Tell us at which PETCO store you've left the application and which cat(s) you wish to adopt.
- Please allow 3-4 days for processing. We will call you when we've reviewed your application. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.
- Our adoption fee is \$95 for a sterilized cat. The adoption fee for an unsterilized cat is \$125.00 (\$75 adoption fee; \$50 refundable sterilization deposit). The adoption fee helps to offset the costs associated with getting a cat or kitten ready for adoption. These costs include leukemia/AIDS testing (\$40-\$50); worming; exam; rabies and distemper vaccinations (\$20-\$30 each); spaying (\$80-\$150) or neutering (\$50-\$100); and supplies (food, litter, toys, medicine).
- We may suggest another cat instead of the one you wanted, depending on your lifestyle and household. Our goal is to make the best match possible.
- All cats have been vaccinated as appropriate for their age, and most have been sterilized. 4Paws does NOT vaccinate for feline leukemia.
- **IMPORTANT:** A cat rescued by 4Paws is a cat rescued for life. We will always accept back any cat previously adopted out through our program. You may return the cat for a refund if we are notified within 30 days of the adoption date. **AS INDICATED IN THE ATTACHED CONTRACT, IF FOR ANY REASON, AT ANY POINT IN THE FUTURE, YOU CANNOT KEEP THE CAT, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE CAT TO 4PAWS.** You must call us at (703) 715-MEOW (6369) before returning a cat. Do not call Petco, as they have no authority to accept a cat on behalf of 4Paws.

**DO NOT LEAVE MONEY WITH YOUR APPLICATION UNLESS YOU ARE
ASKED TO DO SO BY A 4PAWS REPRESENTATIVE.**

The 4Paws Rescue Team is a participant in the Federal CFC campaign. Federal employees, please consider designating 4 Paws as the recipient of your charitable contributions. Our *NEW* CFC# is 34517.

4Paws Rescue Team, P.O. Box 2908, Merrifield, VA 22116
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4PAWS RESCUE TEAM ADOPTION APPLICATION (CONTINUED)

Why do you want to adopt this animal? _____

How many adults live in your home? _____ Children? _____ Ages of Children: _____

Where will the animal be kept during the day? _____ At night? _____

How many hours will the animal be alone during the day? _____

What will you do with the animal if you have to move? _____

Where will the animal stay when you are away on vacation? _____

Name and address of employer: _____

How long have you worked there? _____

Does your company move you around? _____

Are you in the military? Yes No Will you be transferred? _____

Will you provide veterinary care for this animal? _____

Are you aware of the costs associated with veterinary care? _____

Name **AND** phone number of veterinarian (current and prior): _____

Providing this information authorizes us to contact your vet for information about the care of your pet(s).

Do you understand the life span of this animal? Yes No

Do you know that pet theft is rampant in this country? Yes No

Do you understand that certain objects are dangerous to your pet, such as chocolate (lethal to cats, toxic to dogs), chicken bones, fertilizer, antifreeze, detergents, electric cords)? Yes No

May we contact you regarding volunteer opportunities? Yes No

How did you hear about us? _____

Comments/Questions : _____

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Application accepted? Yes No Fee: _____ References checked by: _____

From what location: _____

4PAWS RESCUE TEAM CAT ADOPTION CONTRACT

Name: _____

By signing this contract, I (we) agree to all of the following terms and conditions. If I (we) do not comply with all the terms and conditions herein, I (we) understand that I (we) will be required to relinquish ownership of the cat(s).

1. I (we) agree to treat this cat as a family pet, giving it loving care and attention.
2. I (we) agree to have the cat sterilized if not already done, and provide proof of sterilization via fax (703-560-9795) or mail upon completion of the surgery. Cat must be spayed/neutered by: _____.

I (we) agree to sterilize the cat within 15 days of the above date and provide proof to 4Paws within 30 days of the surgery. I (we) understand that if I (we) do not comply with these terms, I (we) forfeit our sterilization refund. Furthermore, if sterilization is not done within 45 days of the due date, I (we) agree to give the cat back to the 4Paws Rescue Team. If I (we) am required to return the cat to 4Paws for a violation of any of the terms in this contract, I (we) understand that I (we) will forfeit the entire adoption fee, including the sterilization deposit. An extension of the sterilization deadline may be granted by an authorized representative of the 4Paws Rescue Team if requested in a timely manner and for valid medical reason. For an extension, please call 703-715-6369 and leave a message on voicemail. Initials _____

3. I (we) agree to keep rabies and distemper vaccinations current, and to provide medical care from a licensed veterinarian when necessary.
4. I (we) agree to purchase an identification tag, giving the owner's name and phone number, and attaching it to the cat's collar. I (we) agree to purchase an elastic-type collar that will free the cat if it becomes entangled.
5. I (we) agree to feed the cat each day and have clean drinking water available at ALL times.
6. I (we) agree to keep the cat on my (our) property and within my (our) control at all times.
7. I (we) agree to allow a home inspection(s) at reasonable times upon reasonable notice.
8. I (we) agree not to sell, trade or give away the cat without written permission. I (we) agree not to give this cat to anyone as a gift. If at any time I (we) can no longer care for or keep the cat, I (we) agree to return it to the 4Paws Rescue Team. I understand that my adoption fee is refundable within 30 days of adopting the cat, minus any veterinary expenses incurred by 4Paws due to my (our) mistreatment or neglect of the cat. After 30 days, the cat will be accepted by 4Paws, but my (our) adoption fee will not be refunded. I (we) understand that I (we) are required to return the cat to 4Paws at any point in the future, for any reason, if I (we) can no longer care for the cat.
9. I (we) agree not to keep the cat confined in a room or small area for long periods of time.
10. I (we) agree that the cat will not be used, sold or traded for experimentation; nor will the cat be used as bait for fighting dogs; for making fur items for humans; for ritual killings; for eating; or for sex.
11. I (we) agree that the cat will not be left alone in a vehicle, no matter how short the time to prevent theft or injury/death from extreme heat or cold.
12. I (we) agree that the cat will be an indoor cat ONLY, as access to the outdoors is dangerous for the cat.
13. I (we) agree that the 4Paws Rescue Team may check with my veterinarian to ensure that appropriate care is being given to my current pet(s) as well as the cat(s) adopted from 4Paws. Initials _____
14. I (we) agree not to declaw any cat adopted from the 4Paws Rescue Team. I (we) understand that declawing requires surgical amputation of the first digit of a cat's toes. It is an extremely painful procedure that can result in unwanted behavior such as biting, skittishness, or urination outside the litter box. Unwanted scratching behavior can be managed by an attentive and patient owner who is willing to clip the cat's claws and teach it to use a scratching post using positive reinforcement. If you require a declawed cat, please ask us about the cats available for adoption that have already been declawed. Initials _____

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: I (we) understand that I am (we are) responsible for a fee of \$750 if any of the terms of this contract are breached. Said amount is due and payable to the 4Paws Rescue Team within 15 days of being notified in writing of the breach. My (our) initials signify my (our) understanding of this clause. Further, should I (we) breach this contract, 4Paws Rescue Team may demand immediate possession of the cat(s), in which case I (we) agree to immediately surrender the cat(s). 4Paws' primary concern is with the health and welfare of the cat(s). To that end, in the case of breach of clause 14 of this contract, I (we) understand that at the full discretion of the 4Paws Rescue Team, the liquidated damages may be waived upon return of the cat to the organization. Initials _____

ADOPTION FEE

In order to recoup some of the costs of sterilizing, vaccinating, and caring for each animal, the 4Paws Rescue Team collects an adoption fee at the time of adoption. The adoption fee for a sterilized cat is \$95.00. The adoption fee for an unsterilized kitten is \$125.00, of which \$50.00 is a sterilization deposit. This \$50.00 deposit will be returned to the adopter after proof of sterilization is provided to 4Paws via fax or mail (in accordance with the terms in clause 2 of this contract).

By signing this contract, I (we) swear that all statements on my (our) Application for Adoption are true. I (we) certify that I (we) have not been convicted of a charge of or related to cruelty to animals, and that no such charge is pending. I (we) understand that this pet may be repossessed in the event of misrepresentation of any facts provided in this application, if the cat's home is found to be injurious to the health, safety or welfare of the cat, or if I (we) fail to comply with any of the provisions of this contract. **I (WE) RELEASE THE PEOPLE PROVIDING THIS CAT FROM ALL LIABILITY AND INJURY SUSTAINED WHILE THE CAT IS IN MY (OUR) POSSESSION.** The 4Paws Rescue Team takes steps to ensure that only healthy, friendly cats are adopted out, however, I (we) understand that no representation is made regarding the health or condition of the cat, and although I (we) may return the cat at any time, neither the 4Paws Rescue Team nor the person providing this cat is liable for any damages involving this cat.

Your signature below authorizes us to contact your vet regarding your vet history.

I HAVE READ THIS CONTRACT AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS

Date: _____ Adoption Fee Received: _____

Adopter's Signature(s): _____

Alter Refund Due: _____ 4Paws Rescue Team Representative: _____

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Every day, 10,000 children are born in this country
Every day, 70,000 puppies and kittens are born in this country
- 10-20 million animals are euthanized annually not including strays dying in our streets
- Every 1.5 seconds a shelter animal is killed
- One cat and her litter can produce 420,000 cats in 7 yrs - 10,000,000 in 10 yrs!!!
- Only 1 animal out of every 10 born in this country gets a good home
- Only 2-3% of shelter cats are redeemed by their owners due to lack of ID
- Accidental births are the main contributors to the overpopulation problem
- The only way to stop the overpopulation is to sterilize your pets. It's a simple, relatively inexpensive procedure. You can find low-cost services by calling your local SPCA, your local animal shelter, or visiting www.fourpaws.org.

MYTHS ABOUT SPAYING AND NEUTERING

MYTH: *My animal will get fat*

FACT: Your pet will require slightly less food—a balanced diet will prevent him/her from becoming overweight

MYTH: *My animal will get lazy*

FACT: Simply not true - an old wives tale.

MYTH: *I want my children to experience the miracle of life*

FACT: Not a good excuse—will you also explain to your children that millions of kittens and puppies just like the ones you brought into the world will most likely end up dead because of pet overpopulation?

MYTH: *I just want one litter—and I find homes for them all*

FACT: Your pet does not need to have a litter in order to feel "fulfilled". Also, you might be lucky enough to find homes for the babies, but what about their offspring, and theirs, and theirs.....

MYTH: *My dog will not be a good guard dog anymore*

FACT: Wrong! Your dog will still remain loyal to you—and protect you to the end. Can you say the same?

Finally, sterilized animals are healthier animals. Males fight less and don't mark their territory. The risk of certain cancers is reduced in both males and females.

THERE IS NO VALID REASON NOT TO HAVE YOUR PET STERILIZED.

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