

**PAWS FOR LIFE**  
**ADOPTION APPLICATION**

The following information is requested so that we can assist you in the selection of a new pet. Our goal is to place animals in loving homes with compassionate people who will make lifelong commitments to them by accepting them as a member of their family. The consultation process is designed to help determine the best compatibility "match" between the pet and the lifestyle of the adopter(s). This also enables us to determine if the adoption is in the animal's best interest.

**IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN ADOPTER TODAY, YOU MUST:**

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have identification showing your present address
- Have the consent of your landlord
- Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide training, medical treatment, and proper care for a pet

**IF YOU ARE FILLING OUT THIS APPLICATION IN ADVANCE, YOU MAY FAX THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO PAWS FOR LIFE AT (410) 885-5685.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION / NEAREST CROSSROADS \_\_\_\_\_

DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about Paws for Life? \_\_\_\_\_

1. How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children

And their ages are: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is anyone home during the day? Yes No

If no, how many hours will the pet be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is this your first experience with a pet? Yes No

4. Do you currently own other pets? Yes No

If yes, are they up to date on their vaccinations? Yes No

Please list current pets below.

PET'S NAME	BREED	FEMALE/MALE	ALTERED	AGE	HEALTH STATUS

5. Please list your reason(s) for wanting to adopt an animal \_\_\_\_\_

6. Where will this pet be primarily living? Inside Outside

7. In what pet(s) are you interested? Dog Cat

Male Female

Age Range Desired: Under 2 Years 2 - 5 Years 5 Years or Older

If you have a specific animal(s) in mind, please list name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

8. In what type of dwelling do you live?

House Townhouse Apt or Condo Mobile Home

9. Do you own/rent your home? Own Rent

If you rent, does your lease allow pets? Yes No

10. Do you have a yard? Yes No

If yes, what is the size of your yard? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your yard fenced? Yes No

Type and height of fence \_\_\_\_\_

11. What type of exercise are you planning to provide a dog and how often?

\_\_\_\_\_

12. How many dogs or cats have you owned in the past five years?

\_\_\_\_\_ Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ Cats

Please list them below:

PET'S NAME	CAT/DOG	BREED	FEMALE/MALE	ALTERED	AGE	WHAT HAPPENED TO PET

**REFERENCES:**

Who is your veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Other references \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**If you adopt an animal from PAWS FOR LIFE, INC. will you agree to the following?**

- To keep the adopted pet current on health check-ups and vaccinations.      Yes                      No
- Purchase a properly fitted collar and license with your phone number and animal's name.      Yes              No
- To transfer/register microchip information within 2 weeks of adoption?                      Yes                      No
- Not to tie or chain the pet as a primary means of confinement.                      Yes                      No

What do you consider a reasonable amount of time to allow the pet to adjust to your home?

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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**PAWS FOR LIFE, INC.**  
**ADOPTION AGREEMENT**

ADOPTER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER/OTHER I.D.: \_\_\_\_\_

VETERINARIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

PET'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIES: \_\_\_\_\_ BREED: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX:                      FEMALE                      MALE

COLOR DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

I have carefully considered the suitability of this animal to my home and for my family.

I understand that the adopted animal has been altered and is up to date on all necessary vaccinations. In keeping with this standard of care, I agree to provide the adopted animal with necessary vaccinations and health checkups at intervals advised by my veterinarian.

I agree to keep an identification tag attached to a properly fitted collar which will remain on the adopted animal at all times, whether inside or outside of the home, and to obtain all licenses required by the local authorities in my jurisdiction.

I agree to register/transfer all microchip information with two weeks of the date of this contract.

I agree to provide a secure area and proper shelter to protect my adopted pet from the elements. I further agree not to chain or tie the animal as a primary means of confinement (dog trolleys are acceptable; fenced areas are recommended).

If for any reason I can no longer properly care for my pet, I agree to contact PAWS FOR LIFE, INC. to make arrangements to return the animal.

I agree not to abuse or neglect the adopted animal and not to sell or release the animal for laboratory research purposes.

I agree to supervise and be responsible for all interactions between the adopted animal and any minor children.

I agree to allow PAWS FOR LIFE, INC. to conduct follow-up inquiries to find out how the animal is adjusting to its new home. Follow-up inquiries may be in the form of telephone contact, a mailing, or a site visit.

I understand that PAWS FOR LIFE, INC. cannot guarantee the health, temperament, or training of the above described animal and agree to hereby release PAWS FOR LIFE, INC., its successors, directors, and officers from any and all liability once the animal is in my possession.

I agree that I have full responsibility and liability for the health and conduct of the animal adopted and for all costs associated with the animal as of the date of this contract.

PAWS FOR LIFE, INC., Inc. has no knowledge of the details of a particular dog's background and experiences; while any known medical or behavioral problems or special needs will be discussed with the adopting person(s), PAWS FOR LIFE, INC. cannot assume responsibility for the subsequent health or behavior of dogs placed for adoption. Families with young children should carefully consider the suitability of a dog and the risks associated with adoption of a dog in the selection of an animal.

REMEDY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE: If the above adoption provisions are not adhered to, PAWS FOR LIFE, INC. will notify the necessary local authorities to ensure the humane care of the animal.

**This is a legally binding contract.**

Signature of Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PAWS FOR LIFE, INC. Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_