



DOG & CAT ADOPTION APPLICATION

Pet ownership is a serious commitment that the entire household needs to consider and agree to before the animal is adopted. We want to ensure that each adoptive household is aware of, and willing and able to accept the physical and financial responsibilities of pet ownership. Not everyone who desires to own a pet is ready to properly care for one. This questionnaire will assist both you and the NWAS in determining if your household is prepared to assume the role of responsible caretaker for a rescued animal. HOMECHECKS MAY BE REQUIRED.

*****Thank you for taking the time to thoroughly complete this application.*****

Your name:

Other adults(s) at residence:

Street Address:

City/Prov:

Home Telephone:

Work Telephone:

E-mail:

Is there a particular dog/cat that you are interested in?

If yes, what is its name:

If no, please note your preferences (age, gender, coat type, purebred/mixed breed, size, temperament, colour, etc.) so we can let you know when such an animal becomes available.

Are you 18 years of age or older? (*proof may be requested*)

Why are you considering adopting a dog/cat? Circle answers

- ▶ *Companionship*
- ▶ *Breeding*
- ▶ *Protection*

Where would the animal be primarily housed? Circle answers

- ▶ *Inside*
- ▶ *Outside*
- ▶ *Both inside and outside*

Where would the animal stay when you were not home? Circle answers

- ▶ *Loose inside*
- ▶ *Crated or otherwise confined inside*

- ▶ *Loose outside*
- ▶ *Kennel run/fenced area outside*
- ▶ *Tied/chained outside*
- ▶ *Other (describe):*

Animals can be expensive to care for (for example the estimated average annual cost is \$750 for one dog).

Are you willing and able to provide adequate food, shelter and medical care, including yearly checkups and vaccinations, for an adopted animal?

Number of children living in the home:

Ages of the children:

Do other children visit?

If yes, what are their ages:

How often do they visit?

Does anyone in your household have allergies to animals?

If yes, to what kind of animals?

Does your entire household know you are considering adopting a pet?

If no, why not?

Household setting: *Town | Country*

Describe:

Do you own your own home?

If you rent, you MUST provide proof of permission to have an animal on the premises.

If renting, provide landlord's name and telephone number.

(By giving us this information you are granting permission to have us contact them)

DOGS ONLY: Please describe your yard: Circle answers

- ▶ *Fenced*
- ▶ *Kennel run*
- ▶ *If fenced or kennel run, describe material used, height, and approximate size of fenced-in area as well as # of gates.*
- ▶ *No fence*
- ▶ *Are the gates always securely latched and/or locked?*
- ▶ *Other: (please describe)*

If the animal is outside other than for supervised activities, describe what shelter would be available for it: Circle answers

- ▶ *Shed*
- ▶ *Dog house*

- ▶ *Covered area (porch, etc.)*
- ▶ *Shade Trees*
- ▶ *Other (explain)*

What problems would make you return a cat or a dog? Circle answers

- ▶ *Barking*
- ▶ *Housebreaking*
- ▶ *Chewing*
- ▶ *Jumping up*
- ▶ *Shyness/other fears*
- ▶ *Shedding*
- ▶ *Digging*
- ▶ *Scratching or climbing on furniture*
- ▶ *Other (explain):*
- ▶ *Or none, I am committed to working with the animal to correct any of these and most other problems:*

To help resolve any problems, are you willing to: Circle answers

- ▶ *use a crate*
- ▶ *take an obedience class*
- ▶ *consult with vet*

Under what other possible circumstances would you return the animal? Circle answers

- ▶ *Move*
- ▶ *New baby*
- ▶ *Divorce*
- ▶ *Financial difficulties*
- ▶ *Personal Illness*
- ▶ *Other (describe):*
- ▶ *None that I know of*

Describe your home's activity level: Circle answers

- ▶ *Busy active/noisy*
- ▶ *Moderate comings/goings*
- ▶ *Quiet/occasional guests*

Do you feel that a pet should be spayed/neutered? *If no, why not?*

Approximately how many hours each day would the animal be left alone?

Please list all animals that you presently own (other than fish, birds, rodents, or reptiles) including; Animal, breed, length of time owned, ages, genders, spayed/neutered, vaccinated.

Who is responsible for the care of the above daily?

Who is responsible for the care of the above when you are on vacation?

Name and telephone # of current veterinarian, if any:

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Please list animals you previously owned (other than fish birds, rodents, or reptiles) and describe what happened to them:

*Individuals who adopt a NWAS animal are contacted periodically for an update to help ensure that the animal successfully adjusts to its new life. If you adopt a NWAS animal, do you consent to home visits before and/or after the adoption? Y/N
What is the best time to call you at home to check on how the adopted animal is adjusting?*

If at any time an adopter cannot keep the animal, it must be returned to the NWAS. If the animal is not spayed or neutered at adoption, the adopter is required to alter the animal and provide a veterinary certification on request. Animals unaltered may be seized. In addition, each pet adoption is assessed a non-refundable fee to assist in paying the veterinary/other expenses incurred in the animal's care.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I completely read this questionnaire, comprehend it fully, know that applying does not ensure approval and that untruthful answers or failure to comply with the requirements of this application or the adoption contract can result in the forfeiture of any NWAS animal adopted by me.

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Reviewed By: _____

If there is not sufficient room provided to completely answer these questions, please feel free to attach additional information

Please return this form to: NWAS ADOPTIONS @ PO BOX 3064, Smithers, BC V0J 2N0 or via e-mail to info@nwas.ca or the NWAS Representative you are dealing with.

1. *Would you like us to send you information about NWAS membership*
2. *Please put me on your e-mail list for news and fundraising events.*



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