



## **Application**

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- Be 21 years of age or older
- Have identification showing your present address
- Have the knowledge and consent of your landlord (if applicable)
- Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide medical treatment and proper care of the cat

If all of this is true, please continue on to the application.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you over 21 years old?    Yes    No

Please provide your last 2 addresses over the last 10 years: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name or other names you now go by or have gone by in the past (if none, enter NONE): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to contact you (check all that apply)?    Cell    Work    Home    Email

What is the best time to contact you (check all that apply)?    Any Time    Morning    Afternoon  
Evening

Do you own or rent your home (required)?    Rent    Own

If you rent, have you received the approval of your landlord to have an animal? Response to this question is required if you currently rent.    Yes    No

If you rent, please enter your landlord's name and phone number. Response is required if you rent. \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you previously adopted a cat or cats from FURR? If yes, please tell us the year of the adoption(s) and the original name of the cat(s) if you remember them. \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you adopting for yourself/your immediate, live-in family, or for someone else who does not live with you (required)?    Myself    Someone else

If you are adopting a cat or kitten for someone else, do they know about the adoption (required if you are adopting for someone else)?    Yes    No

If you are adopting for someone else, what is their name and relationship to you? This information is required if you are adopting for someone else. \_\_\_\_\_

### **You and Your Family**

The following questions help FURR determine the right cat/kitten for your home based on your lifestyle, current pets you have (if any), the level of commitment you are able to give a new cat companion and so on.

Please answer all questions that are applicable, and be as honest and specific as possible so we can make the right match for you.

Please describe the other people you live with such as a spouse/partner, relatives, roommates, children, none, or other (required). \_\_\_\_\_

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Are all household members in agreement to adopt this cat (required)?    Yes    No    Don't Know  
Not Applicable

Is anyone in your house allergic to cats or any other animals? If yes, what animals are they allergic to? Enter No if no one has allergies. \_\_\_\_\_

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Age(s) of adults including yourself. Check all that apply (required):    18-23    24-29    30-39  
40-49    50-59    60-69    70-75    76+

If in the future you enter into a relationship with someone who 'just does not like cats', what would you do with the cat when that person was over your house? What if that person moved in with you or you with them? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you divorce or separate from your spouse or partner, will one of you commit to continuing to live with and care for the cat? If you currently are not in relationship, consider if you will keep the cat should this situation ever arise.  
Yes, one of us will commit to keeping the cat and continue to care for it      The cat would be returned to FURR

If you have or are planning to have children, do you feel you are able to care for both a cat(s) and a child/children at the same time?    Yes    No    Not Applicable

How many children live at your house (if none, enter NONE)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are the ages of each child that resides in your house? Check all that apply (required if children reside in your home):    Infant - 6    7-12    13-17    18 and Older    Not Applicable

Do other children frequent your house? For example, playmates/friends of your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and so on.    Yes    No

How often are other children at your house (if not applicable, enter NA): \_\_\_\_\_

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How many other children are generally at your house at once (if none, enter NONE): \_\_\_\_\_

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If other children are at your house, what are their age ranges (check all that apply)?    Infant - 6  
7-12    13-17    18 and Older    Not Applicable

Do senior citizens live in your home?    Yes    No

What is the general health status of any senior citizens in your home (specifics are not required)? If not applicable, enter NA. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Personal and Vet References

Please provide two personal references. These should be people who are familiar with your experience with animals and should not be relatives. Friends, coworkers, neighbors, clergy, etc. are all fine. \_\_\_\_\_

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Enter the veterinarian(s) name and contact information for each vet you have used for current pets and previously owned pets, and enter the name or names of each guardian listed as the animals guardian (i.e. a cat is listed under your current name, previous partner's name, etc.). If you have never had a vet, please enter NA. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Determining the Right Cat for You

What would you say is your experience level with adult cats?    Beginner (never had a cat before)  
Novice (familiar with cats & cat behavior)    Expert (intimate knowledge of all things cat)

What would you say is your experience level with kittens?    Beginner (never had a kitten before)  
Novice (familiar with kitten & kitten behavior)    Expert (intimate knowledge of all things kitten)

What pets do you have now or have had in the last 5 years? Please indicate whether they are still with you. If they are not with you, please let us know what happened to them. If they are deceased, please list cause of death. \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have owned a cat, was the cat declawed?    No    Yes, acquired declawed    Yes, declawed by me as a  
kitten    Yes, declawed by me as an adult    Not Applicable

Are all animals in your home currently spay and/or neutered?    Yes    No    Not Applicable

Has your current cat(s) been tested for feline leukemia (FLV)?    Yes    No    Don't Know    Not Applicable

Is your current cat(s) negative for feline leukemia (FLV)?    Yes    No    Don't Know    Not Applicable

Has your current cat(s) been tested for feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV, sometimes referred to as feline HIV)?  
Yes    No    Don't Know    Not Applicable

Is your current cat(s) negative for FIV?    Yes    No    Don't Know    Not Applicable

Are all animals that live in your home, if any, current on their rabies vaccinations?    Yes    No  
Don't Know    Not Applicable

Are all animals that live in your home, if any, current on their distemper vaccinations?    Yes    No  
Don't Know    Not Applicable

Are there any other health issues affecting your current cat(s) (i.e. diabetes, irritable bowl syndrome, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have pets, will they adjust to a new cat in the house?    Yes    No    Don't Know    Not Applicable

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It often takes 2 weeks or more for a new cat to adjust to a new home, especially if there are other pets in the household. Are you prepared to give the new pet at least this much time to settle in to your home?

Yes    No

Have you ever had to give up or re-home a pet? If yes, what were the circumstances? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you applied to any other rescue and, if yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been turned down by another rescue organization/shelter? (Note: Being turned down by another rescue will not necessarily disqualify you from adopting from FURR.)    Yes    No    Not Applicable

If you were denied by another rescue, what was the reason given? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Which cat or kitten are you interested in? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in adopting a cat or a kitten? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you think are the most important responsibilities in owning a pet? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

What age cat are you interested in adopting?    Kitten (9 wks to 6 mo)    Juvenile (6 mo to 1 yr)  
Young Adult (1 yr to 3 yr)    Mid-Life Adult (3 yr to 6 yr)    Senior (6 yr to 10 yr)    Older Senior (10+ yr)

Why are you interested in adopting a kitten vs. an adult cat? Enter NA if not applicable. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

If you are adopting a kitten, are you aware that kittenhood lasts up to one year, after which the cat is considered a full grown adult?    Yes    No

Are you aware that, just like children, a kitten's personality may change as they reach adulthood?

Yes No

The average life span of an indoor cat is 15-20+ years. Are you ready and willing to make such a long-term commitment to an animal? Yes No

Thinking ahead that many years, are there any of the following reasons that would cause you to give your pet(s) away? Note: If you cannot keep a cat or kitten adopted from us, FURR will take back any cat or kitten at any time.

Moving to another state    Having a baby    Scratches the furniture    Too Expensive    Not using litter box  
Found a new "no pet" apartment    Finished school/moving home    Children will no longer care for it  
None of the Above    Other

If you are 60 and older, would you consider adopting an adult or senior cat vs. a kitten? Yes No

Maybe

Would you be interested in adopting a cat or kitten with special needs? Yes No Maybe

What qualities do you want most in your new cat? Playful    Outgoing    Affectionate    Calm

Lap Cat    Good with Kids    Good with Other Cats    Good with Dogs    High Energy

Confident    Docile    Talkative

Will the cat be kept inside or outside (required)? Inside Only    Outside Only    Inside and Outside

Do you intend to declaw your new cat? Yes, only if destructive    No    Yes, I intend to declaw

Are you aware of the potential side effects of declawing a cat? Yes No

The ASPCA estimates that the first year of care for a cat (food, litter, vet care) averages \$715. This amount could be higher if your cat becomes sick or injured. Are you willing to take on this financial responsibility?

Yes No

Are you in an economic position to afford ongoing vet care (both yearly vet checkups and emergency vet visits), as well as provide basic necessities such as food, litter and so on? Yes No

Yearly vet wellness checkups are a vital part of care for a cat. Yearly checkups help identify and prevent possible conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and so on. Diseases can lead to extensive vet bills later on and additional care for the cat if they are not caught.

Can you commit to yearly vet wellness visits and vaccinations? Yes No

Some cats develop health issues that may require you to administer medications in pill or injection form, may require additional visits to their vet, require additional regularly scheduled blood work, and so on. For example, a cat may develop diabetes and require insulin injections.

Would you be willing and able to provide additional care to a cat that develops an illness? Yes

No

If this cat requires emergency veterinary care, do you have the ability to provide for necessary life saving care?

No, if too expensive I will opt to euthanize    Yes, I have emergency funds set aside    Yes, I plan to use credit (card or Care Credit)

If your cat required a special diet or special prescription food to treat or avoid diseases such as urinary tract

infections and urinary tract crystals, irritable bowel syndrome and so on, would you commit to providing it for them?    Yes    No

At what point should a responsible pet guardian decide that it is time to euthanize a pet? \_\_\_\_\_

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What potential issues would cause you to return your new cat? Please check all that apply.    Soiling outside of the litterbox    Scratching the furniture or other destructive behavior    Family member develops allergies    Child leaves for college    Having a new baby    Does not get along with current pet    Shyness with family and/or strangers    Moving    Job requires more time away from home    New significant other does not like cats    None of the above - plan on keeping regardless of issues

How would you handle a cat that scratched or bit your child or a child in your care? \_\_\_\_\_

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You come home one day to find that your cat has urinated on the carpet/rug/furniture/laundry/etc. How would you deal with this issue? Please be as specific as possible. \_\_\_\_\_

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You see your cat scratching the furniture. How would you deal with this issue? \_\_\_\_\_

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How will the cat/kitten be cared for when you are out of town? \_\_\_\_\_

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What will happen to the cat if you move locally? Out of state? Overseas? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you were forced to move in with a relative or friend, would they allow you to move in with your cat?  
Yes    No    Don't Know

What provisions will you make for the cat should you become unable to care for him/her? Note: If you cannot keep a cat or kitten adopted from us, FURR will take back any cat or kitten at any time. \_\_\_\_\_

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If you become unable to care for a cat due to illness, death and so on, who would take care of the cat for you? Note: If you cannot keep a cat or kitten adopted from us, FURR will take back any cat or kitten at any time. \_\_\_\_\_

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May we contact the person who would care for your cat if you can no longer care for it so we can confirm they are willing and able to make that commitment? If yes, please provide their name, phone number and email address. \_\_\_\_\_

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List ANY characteristics a cat or kitten may have that you feel will NOT fit in with your family and family lifestyle. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **What You Need to Know About Returning a Cat to FURR**

FURR will take any cat adopted from us back at any time.

It is part of the contract you will sign should you adopt that you **MUST** return the cat to FURR.

You are contractually bound **NOT** to give the cat away, adopt it out via Craigslist, Penny Saver Magazine and the like, sell it, leave it at shelter, and so on. Euthanizing a FURR cat for any reason deemed non-life threatening, such as shedding, hair balls, just not wanting the cat anymore and so on, is not acceptable.

FURR uses volunteer foster homes, and has adoption centers at the Phillipsburg, NJ Petco, Whitehall, PA Petco and Easton, PA PetSmart locations to house cats.

In order for us to make arrangements for the cat's housing upon their return (unless there are extenuating, emergent situations where a cat must be returned immediately), we respectfully request **TWO WEEKS** notice before you return a cat since it may take that long for us to find a place to house the cat.

Do you agree to give us a minimum of two weeks notice prior to returning a cat?    Yes    No

In order to house cats in the Petco and PetSmart Adoption Centers, the cats **MUST** be vaccinated against rabies (it is their corporate policy). As such, your cat **MUST** be current on their rabies vaccination **BEFORE** they are returned and we need the paperwork verifying their vaccination.

Do you agree to have your cat vaccinated against rabies **BEFORE** they are returned to us and to provide us documentation of the vaccination?    Yes    No

How did you hear about FURR (check all that apply):    FURR website    Petfinder.com    Adopt-a-Pet.com  
Previously adopted from FURR    Friend, acquaintance or relative    Flier    Petco, Whitehall  
Petco, Phillipsburg    PetSmart, Easton    Other rescue

I certify that the information entered on this applicant is true. Enter your name and date \_\_\_\_\_

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