



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.

Note: If you have provided a vet reference it is good to call ahead and give them permission to speak to FURR. This will avoid delays in processing your application.

If you are having trouble with our online form, you can download a version [here](#).

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

How long have you lived at your current address? Please provide your last 2 addresses over the last 10 years and indicate how long you have lived at each address: _____

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. _____

Does anyone in your household smoke in the home? Yes No

Would you allow a home visit if requested? Yes No

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. _____

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

You and Your Family

The following questions help FURR determine the right cat/kitten for your home based on your family, lifestyle and current pets you have (if any).

Please list the people you live with such as a spouse/partner, relatives, roommates, children. (Enter N/A if you live alone) _____

Please list the ages of all adults living in your home, including yourself: _____

Please list ages of children living in home (enter N/A if not applicable) _____

Do young children often visit your home, for example Grandchildren? If so what are their ages (generally)? _____

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. _____

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? _____

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

Personal and Vet References

Please provide two references. Please include phone numbers. _____

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. _____

Determining the Right Cat for You

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

Please list all current pets including names, ages and type of animal (dog cat etc). Please also list all past pets including what happened to them. If they are deceased list cause of death. _____

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 Negative for feline leukemia (FeLV)? 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 current on their rabies vaccinations? Yes No Don't Know
Not Applicable

Are all animals that live in your home 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, urinary crystals, special diet, etc) _____

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? _____

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

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? _____

Which cat or kitten are you interested in? _____

Why are you interested in adopting a cat or a kitten? _____

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

What age cat are you interested in adopting? Kitten (3 mo 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 (7 yr to 10 yr) Older Senior (10+ yr)

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

If you are 70 and older, would you consider adopting an adult or senior cat vs. a kitten? (if not applicable put N/A)
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

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

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 \$634 per year in addition to "start up" costs. 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 dental disease, diabetes, ear infections, heart disease. These issues, if left untreated, can lead to extensive vet bills later on if they are not caught early.

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

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? _____

What potential issues would cause you to return your 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 Too Expensive 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? _____

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. _____

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

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

What will happen to the cat if you move? (note: pet friendly rentals are more difficult to find and may limit your housing options). _____

Senior Citizens (70 and older): If you become unable to care for a cat who would take care of the cat for you? If not applicable please put N/A _____

Senior Citizens (70 and older): May we contact the person who would care for your cat? If yes, please provide their name and phone number. If not applicable please put N/A _____

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 or Facebook, 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 various pet stores 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.

Cat must be up to date on Rabies, Distemper (FVRCP) and a recent Snap test for FIV/FeLV. Paperwork will be required.

In the unfortunate event the cat must be returned to us, do you agree to ensure rabies and distemper shots are up-to-date and a new FIV/FeLV snap test is done prior to being returned? (documentation will be required).

Yes No

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

How did you hear about FURR (check all that apply): FURR website Petfinder.com Adopt-a-Pet.com
Previously adopted from FURR Facebook Google Search Friend or relative Chaar, Forks
Township Petco, 25th St Easton Petco, Phillipsburg NJ Petco, Lower Nazareth PetSmart, Easton
Pet Supplies Plus, Easton Home News Ad Special Event Fundraiser Other rescue
Other

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