



Save The Animals Foundation

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**Please read the information below before you fill out the application.
Please note you must be 21 years of age or older to adopt a cat – Thank You!**

Welcome to STAF!!

We're very proud of our animals and are thrilled that you're considering our shelter when adding a member to your family. When an animal comes to STAF, we commit to giving that animal a lifetime of care and love. When we pass that responsibility onto another through an adoption, our goal is to place the animal in a long-term, loving home.

What you can expect as part of the adoption process...

Our shelter is definitely not a pet store. We ask you to fill out an adoption application and talk to a shelter adoption volunteer who works with the cats. The volunteer will try to help you think through the long-term responsibility and care issues of having an animal, and help you find the cat, or cats, that fit your lifestyle and have the personality you bond with and enjoy. The volunteer you work with, or our shelter manager, will also provide all health and behavioral information we have concerning any cat, and will answer any questions you may have.

We have several hundred cats in the building and we certainly don't expect you to meet them all. But we do ask that you take your time, narrow down your choices according to "who has picked you" and personality, then take some time to get to know the cat. We will ask you to return to the shelter for a second visit to be sure of your decision. Remember, a cat can be a 15-20 year commitment, and this is the only family member you actually get to choose, so you don't want to rush!

About the cats and adoption fees...

All of our cats are fed a high-quality diet, are tested for feline leukemia and FIV, receive regular veterinary care, and are fully vaccinated. All animals are spayed or neutered and microchipped before being adopted.

The adoption donation is \$40 per cat, which includes a "Go Home" sack with food, litter, carrier and a scratching post.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Cat Adoption Application

Please Fill out Completely (All pages)

Completion of this form does not guarantee adoption of a STAF animal.

Please tell us a little about you:

Applicant's Name _____ Phone _____

Co-applicant's Name _____ Email: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

How long at this address? _____ Own or Rent? _____

Please list everyone in your household (including applicant and children living at home and all ages): _____

(Due to past experience, we don't adopt cats under 1-year of age to families with children under 8. But we have many playful adult cats who love kids!)

Cat Adoption Application (cont'd)

Type of dwelling: (circle) House Apartment Condominium Mobile Home Live w/parents Other

If renting, please provide landlord's Name _____ and Phone: _____

(We will check with your landlord regarding pet policies to ensure the cat is not displaced from the home.)

If this is an apartment, how many cats are you permitted to have? _____

Security deposit required per pet: _____

Sometimes a move is inevitable. Have you considered how a move may affect your cat(s)? Would you consider moving to a rental property that doesn't allow cats? Please comment.

Applicant's Employer _____ Position _____

How long employed? _____ Phone _____

Personal Reference:

Name _____ Phone _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes _____ No _____

Do you travel a great deal? Yes _____ No _____

Are you responsible for military duty? Yes _____ No _____

If "yes" to either of the previous two questions, who will provide for your animal(s) during your absence?

Have you considered who will care for your pets during short-term travel?

Please tell us a little about your pets:

Please list all **current** pets in your home:

Type	Age	Name	Spayed/Neutered?	Declawed?	Do they go outside?
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Have you previously owned any pets? Yes _____ No _____

If 'Yes', what happened to them _____

Have your cats at home been tested for:

Feline Leukemia (FELV)? Yes _____ No _____

Feline Immunosuppressive Virus (FIV)? Yes _____ No _____

Are your cats up-to-date on their vaccinations? Yes _____ No _____

Cat Adoption Application (cont'd)

Adoption & Care Considerations:

If your adopted cat should develop behavioral problems (scratching, not using the litter box, etc.), would you be willing to work through the problems with the cat? Yes _____ No _____

Do you expect any of your current pets will not adjust to a new animal in the house? Yes _____ No _____ N/A _____

What measures will you take if they do not adjust? _____

Do you accept responsibility for ensuring all animals in your home see a vet at least yearly? Yes _____ No _____

Who is your veterinarian?: _____ Phone: _____

Is it ok if we use your veterinarian as a reference? Yes _____ No _____

If your pet becomes ill, can you afford a bill for veterinarian services? Yes _____ No _____

How much would you estimate your annual expenses for your cat to be? Food/Litter \$ _____ Vet \$ _____

Who will be responsible for the daily care of the cat? _____

Is anyone in your family allergic to pets? Yes _____ No _____

Under what circumstances would you not keep your cat? (Please check all that apply)

New baby _____ Your illness _____ Cat's illness _____ New Job _____

Divorce _____ Move _____ New pets in home _____

Cat's behavior _____ (if behavior, please specify what behavior _____)

Other _____ Doesn't Apply _____

Should you choose to start a family in the future, have you considered if and how you will help the baby adjust to the cat, and the cat adjust to the baby? Yes _____ No _____

***Applicants choosing to have children after adoption is STAF's number one reason for cats being returned so we ask that you carefully consider your decision to adopt and your lifelong commitment to the cat(s).**

What are your arrangements for the care of your pets in the event you can no longer care for them?

Please tell us a little about what type of cat you are looking for:

Why are you interested in adopting a cat? Please include any/all of the following reasons, or add your own:

____ Companion for self/family ____ Companion for other pet ____ Mouser ____ Barn cat
____ For children ____ As a gift ____ Other (please describe below)

Cat Adoption Application (cont'd)

Help Us Help You Pick The Perfect Lifetime Companion!

The words that describe my ideal cat are: _____

Please circle the best fit for you:

					Other Comments / Elaborate
1	My house is most like:	a library	middle of the road	a circus	
2	I want a cat that plays "hide and pounce" and similar games.	No	Somewhat	Yes	
3	It is important for my cat to get along with guests.	No	Somewhat important	Very important	
4	How do you feel about a cat that "gets into everything"?	Not for me	Depends on the situation	Fine by me	
5	My cat needs to be able to adjust to new situations quickly.	Not important	Somewhat important	Very important	
6	It's important for my cat to get along with my children and their friends.	Not important	Somewhat important	Very important	n/a
7	My cat needs to be alone for:	More than 8 hours a day	4 to 8 hours a day	Less than 4 hours a day	
8	I want a cat that I can hold or that will sit on my lap.	Rarely	Sometimes	Most of the time	
9	I need my cat to get along with (circle all that apply):	Dogs	Cats	Birds	
10	I'd like my cat to be:	Inside	Inside & outside	Outside	
11	I have lived with cats before.	Never	Currently	Yes Date:	
12	I prefer my cat to be talkative.	No	Sometimes	Yes	
13	The activity level I'm looking for is:	Quiet and Peaceful	Happy Medium	On the Go & Playful	
14	I have other pets that have been around cats.	Always	Yes, but not recently	Never or not since puppy/kitten hood	
15	I plan to declaw my cat	Yes	No	Undecided	

Have you ever applied to adopt from STAF in the past? Yes _____ No _____ If so, when? _____

How did you hear about STAF? _____

Would you like to receive STAF News via email? Yes _____ No _____

I certify that the information given in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that falsified information or significant omissions may disqualify me from further consideration of a STAF animal. I will not hold STAF responsible for any injuries sustained while on STAF premises to myself or anyone with me.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Co-Applicant's Signature

Date

Thank you for your time and interest.

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I / O	Y	N	?
G H	Y	N	?
V C	Y	N	
L C	Y	N	n/a

Adoption Volunteers:

Please add notes and comments below.

Please include the date, your name, and enough detail to help the next volunteer who works with this person/family.

Date:

Volunteer's Name:

Comments:

Date:

Volunteer's Name:

Comments:

Date:

Volunteer's Name:

Comments: