



Adoption Application

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Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Street Address: _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred method of contact:

- Call Text Email

Are you currently employed?

- Yes No

Occupation: _____

Work schedule (days/hours): _____

Who will be the primary caregiver for the new pet?

- Me
 Another adult in the home
 Shared responsibility
 Other (please explain):

Who will be financially responsible for the new pet?

- Me
 Another adult in the home
 Shared responsibility
 Other (please explain):

Home & Lifestyle

Do you:

- Own your home Live with family
 Rent your home Other:

If renting, does your lease allow pets?

- Yes No

Landlord's name and phone number:

What type of home do you live in?

- House Duplex
 Apartment Mobile home
 Condo Other:

Do you have a securely fenced yard?

- Yes No Not applicable

How would you describe the general activity/noise level of your home?

- Very quiet Busy / High energy
 Calm but active Other:
 Moderate / average

Names and ages of everyone residing in the home:

Does anyone in your household have allergies to animals?

- Yes No

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Animal You're Interested In

Are you interested in adopting a:

- Dog
- Cat
- Either / Open to suggestions

Name of the animal (if known): _____

What qualities are you looking for in a pet? (Select all that apply)

- Young (puppy/kitten)
- Small size
- Adult
- Medium size
- Senior
- Large size
- Playful
- Good with other pets
- Calm
- Low maintenance
- Good with kids
- Special needs okay

Other (describe): _____

Current and Past Pets

Current pets (species, breed, age, spayed/neutered, personality): _____

Are your current pets up to date on vaccines?

- Yes
- No

Veterinarian's name and phone number (if applicable): _____

Have your current pets been around other dogs or cats before?

- Yes
- No

If yes, how do they generally respond? _____

Past pets (within the last 5 years) and what happened to them: _____

For Cat Adoptions

What type of environment are you hoping to provide for your cat?

- Indoor only
- Both indoor and outdoor
- Outdoor only
- Working cat / barn placement

If interested in a working cat, please describe the environment: _____

Do you plan to declaw your cat?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure – I'd like more information



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♥ Care and Commitment

How many hours per day will the pet be left alone?

- Less than 2
- 2-4
- 5-8
- More than 8

Where will your pet stay when you're not home?

- Free in the home
- In a crate
- In a specific room
- Outside
- Other: _____

Where will your pet sleep at night?

- In bed with me/us
- In a crate
- Other: _____
- On a pet bed
- In a specific room
- Outside

Where will your pet go when you're on vacation?

- Travel with us
- Stay with friends/family
- Other: _____
- Boarding facility
- In-home pet sitter

How do you plan to provide regular exercise for your new pet? (Check all that apply)

- Walks
- Playtime in yard
- Structured training or activities (e.g., agility, nosework)
- Other: _____
- Dog park
- Hiking

Have you ever housebroken a puppy or dog before?

- Yes
- No

Have you ever crate trained a puppy or dog before?

- Yes
- No

Would you like information on crate training?

- Yes
- No

What will you do if your new pet has bathroom accidents in the home?

- Be patient and consistent with training
- Contact a trainer for help
- Return the pet
- Other: _____

Are you comfortable understanding that new pets can take days, weeks, or even longer to fully adjust and feel safe in a new environment?

- Yes
- No

Pets are a long-term commitment – many dogs and cats live 15-20+ years. Are you prepared to provide care for the lifetime of your pet?

- Yes
- No

What behaviors or challenges are you not comfortable dealing with? (Optional) _____

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Are you aware that pets come with annual expenses ranging from \$300 to \$2,000+ depending on their needs?

- Yes
- No

Are you open to support from our team to help with training or settling in?

- Yes
- No

What will you do if your new pet is not a good fit with your home or other animals?

- Contact PAWS for support
- Return the pet
- Rehome the pet on my own
- Other: _____

Final Questions

How did you hear about PAWS?

- Social media
- Friend or family
- Visit to the shelter
- Event
- Other:

Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____