

Cat Adoption Application

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Thank you for your interest in providing a lifelong home for one of our cats. The completion of this questionnaire is the first step toward what we hope will be many years of happiness for both you and our rescue cat. Once you have answered all the questions, one of our volunteers will review your application and have a few follow-up questions to ask. Please note that we do not respond to incomplete applications.

What happens next depends. We may then:

- Ask for you to wait for 1–2 days for vet references and/or rental verifications.
- Ask to schedule a home visit so we can gauge the personality of the pets you have at home.
- Ask to converse with your vet to review your current or previous pet's medical history.
- We do verify health info with your vet.
- Approve your application.

Submitting an adoption application to Fancy Cats and Dogs Rescue Team (FCDRT) does not commit the applicant to that adoption nor guarantee adoption approval of the specified or any adoptable cat listed with FCDRT. We seek the best match of personality, temperament and home environment for our cats and future adoptive families. We are looking out for the best interests of our cats. We realize that some outcomes may be disappointing, please understand that we want the best fit for our cats.

If your application is approved, you will be asked to sign a legally binding contract when adopting your cat. Our adoption fees cover several services including vaccinations and spay/neuter to provide you with a healthy pet.

FCDRT adoption fees cover alteration of cats over 6 months, testing for FIV/FeLV, rabies and distemper vaccinations, deworming and other medical attention as needed in addition to supplies including litterboxes, food, toys, bedding, etc.

Current Adoption Fees:
 Adult: \$200/single | \$300/pair;
 Seniors 8+: \$100
 Kittens: \$250/single; \$325/pair (if already sterilized)*
 Kittens \$350/single; \$525/pair (includes spay/neuter)*

**We do not adopt kittens singly without another young and/or playful cat (or possibly dog) at home.*

The above totals do not include food, litter, post-operative drugs, or other routine expenses. All adoption fees go directly towards providing medical care, food, litter and shelter for all our rescued cats.

Once the paperwork is complete and the adoption fee is paid, you can bring your new companion home. You need to provide a carrier for transport. We may contact you after adoption to follow up and ensure your cat is settling in well.

Conditions of adoption:

- You must have a valid identification showing your current address and your age. You must be at least 21 to adopt.
- If you are renting, we need a copy of your lease showing you are permitted to have a pet and have paid the required deposit. If you own your home, we do verify home ownership.
- FCDRT's adoption service area is within a 50-mile radius of Northern Virginia and reserves the right to decline applications outside of the service area
- FCDRT requires kittens to be adopted in pairs or have an age-appropriate cat/playmate in the home.
- FCDRT follows a general policy of adopting kittens to families with children over the age of 7.
- FCDRT requires out of state adopters to have a verifiable pet history to adopt cats or kittens.
- FCDRT requires deployable members of the military to have a verifiable pet history to adopt cats or kittens.
- FCDRT does not adopt cats or dogs into homes where there is another animal that is not sterilized.
- You must be willing to agree to keep the cat(s) indoors, unless otherwise indicated and agreed to by FCDRT.
- You must be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide training, medical treatment and proper care for a cat.
- For the first 30 days, please keep cat(s) separated and confined to one area; you should not expose your other animals to a new cat until you bring the new cat to the vet for an initial checkup.
- You must be willing to provide a life-long commitment to the care and well-being of your cat. If you cannot make a lifetime commitment (cats can live 15–20 years) to a Fancy Cats cat, please consider adopting from your local shelter whose policies are less stringent than ours.
- FCDRT does not allow or disallow adoptions based on an individual's race, gender, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age or disability.
- FCDRT reserves the right to refuse the adoption of any cat without stating a reason.

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By submitting this application to Fancy Cats and Dogs Rescue Team, I agree that this application form becomes the property of Fancy Cats and Dogs Rescue Team. I understand that submitted applications will not be returned even in the event my application is not approved for adoption.

What is the name of the cat(s) you are interested in adopting? _____

Why are you interested in adopting this cat/these cats? _____

How did you hear about Fancy Cats and Dogs? ☐ PetSmart walk-in ☐ Fancy Cats and Dogs website ☐ petfinder.com ☐ other (specify)

Name		State of Driver's License	
Address		Date of birth	
City/State/Zip		Date moved in	
Home phone		Landlord name	
Cell phone		Landlord phone	
Work phone		Employer name	
Emergency contact phone		Employer phone	
Email		Names of adults in the home	

Does anyone in your household suffer from cat or dog allergies? ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ Unknown

Is everyone in your household aware of and agreed upon adopting a pet? ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ not yet

Please check all below that apply:

Do you?	Activity level	Household has	You live with	Residence type
☐ own ☐ rent ☐ military housing	☐ quiet ☐ active ☐ hectic ☐ seldom home	☐ live alone ☐ adults only ☐ family with children, ages of: _____	☐ spouse ☐ parents ☐ children ☐ significant other ☐ other pets ☐ roommates	☐ house ☐ condo ☐ apartment ☐ mobile home ☐ dormitory ☐ townhouse ☐ other

Renters, please provide a copy of your lease that shows you are permitted to have a pet with a receipt that you have paid any required deposit.

Homeowners, please provide a copy of a mortgage statement and/or utility bill with this application.

Describe what you are looking for in a cat:

Gender	Age	Coat	Other	Housing
☐ male ☐ female ☐ no preference	☐ kitten ☐ teen ☐ adult ☐ senior ☐ no preference	☐ short ☐ medium ☐ long ☐ no preference	☐ declaw ☐ special needs	☐ indoor only ☐ outdoor only ☐ indoor/outdoor

Please check all that apply:

Personality and Characteristics			
☐ playmate for existing cat	☐ lap cat	☐ good with young children	☐ friendly with everyone
☐ wants to be the only cat	☐ energetic/mischievous	☐ talkative	☐ quiet and independent
☐ laid back/easy going	☐ does well in busy home	☐ sleeps with me	☐ likes to be picked up

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- How frequently do you travel either for business or pleasure? _____ What will you do with the cat while you are traveling? _____
- How many hours per day will your cat be left alone? _____
- Do you have a dog or cat door that leads outdoors? ☐ yes ☐ no
- What will you feed the cat? _____ Who will be responsible for feeding the cat? _____
- Cleaning the litter box? _____
- Will you have the cat declawed? ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ Undecided
- Where will your cat live? ☐ free access to house ☐ outdoors ☐ free access to outdoors ☐ in the barn ☐ other: _____
- What pet behaviors would cause you to give up the cat?
 - ☐ illness ☐ scratching ☐ hides for first week ☐ litter box problems ☐ biting ☐ too active
 - ☐ growling ☐ spraying ☐ destructiveness ☐ incompatibility with other pets ☐ other: _____
- What changes in your home would cause you to give up the cat?
 - ☐ allergies ☐ loss of job ☐ you become ill ☐ moving ☐ family member becomes ill ☐ pregnancy/new baby

Please list the animals that have shared your home in the past 5-10 years:

Name	Breed	Sex	Age	Sterilized (Y/N)	Tested for FIV/FeLV (Y/N)	Indoor/ Outdoor	Declawed (Y/N)	Still with you (if not, why)

- What will you do if the cat doesn't get along with your current pet(s)? _____
- How much do you think it costs, per year, to care for a cat? \$ _____ What will you do if the cost exceeds this amount? _____
- Do you know that the average cat can live to be 15-20+ years old? ☐ yes ☐ no
- Are you prepared financially to cover annual costs for updating shots, spay/neutering and emergency care for your pet? ☐ yes ☐ no

Veterinarian Contact Information (for animals listed above)

Current:		phone:	
Prior:		phone:	

Do we have your permission to contact your vet(s) for a reference? ☐ yes ☐ no

- Have you ever adopted an animal before? ☐ yes ☐ no If yes, from where? _____
- Have you ever surrendered an animal before? ☐ yes ☐ no If yes, please elaborate: _____
- Have you ever been cited or convicted of a crime relating to animal cruelty, or do you have a charge pending? ☐ yes ☐ no
- I will allow a rescue representative to perform a pre-adoption home check. ☐ yes ☐ no
- I will allow a rescue representative to visit my home later to check on the animal(s) I am adopting. ☐ yes ☐ no
- I am aware that the adoption fee for the cat/kitten I am considering is non-refundable. ☐ yes ☐ no

We do not guarantee the health of any animals offered for adoption. Any time you adopt an animal, you should take it to a licensed veterinarian as soon as possible. Your animal is, to the best of our knowledge, healthy, but will need to be started immediately on a program of preventative veterinary care. Please be aware that the animals available for adoption are rescue animals and, as such, have often been exposed to a variety of diseases. Like human illnesses, these disorders can have an incubation period of up to several weeks. If the animal you adopt shows signs of illness at any point, you must take it promptly to your veterinarian for treatment at your expense. **I have read and understand this disclaimer.** _____ (initial here)

By signing this application, I acknowledge that I have answered all questions truthfully. Failure to provide truthful answers can result in the forfeiture of your adopted pet by the Fancy Cats and Dogs Rescue Team.

Signature

Date

Fancy Cats and Dogs Rescue Team Use Only ☐ Approved ☐ Not approved • Adoption Coordinator: _____