



Norris Ark Training & Recovery Center

Cat Adoption Application

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Please don't think of any answer as good or bad, right or wrong. Answer honestly so that Norris Ark can determine if the family/home life will fit the cat for whom you have applied. Norris Ark reserves the right to require a waiting period or evaluation before adoption may be completed in order to process your application.

The adopting party must be at least 18 years of age to adopt a pet from Norris Ark.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Age: _____ Occupation: _____

Household Members (names, ages, relationship to you):

Why do you want to adopt a cat? (Please describe your reasons and what you are looking for in a cat—e.g., lap cat, playful kitten, senior companion, etc.)

Veterinarian Information (name, clinic, phone):

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Previous Pet Experience

Have you owned cats before? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please list type/age/breed (if known), how long you had them, and what happened to them.

List all current pets: type, age/breed (if known), spay/neuter status, and current status.

Housing and Lifestyle (Cat-Specific)

Do you own or rent your home? ☐ Yes ☐ No If renting, please provide landlord contact information and confirm you have permission for cats (include any pet restrictions or deposits).

What type of residence do you live in? (e.g., house, apartment, condo, townhome, mobile home)

Describe your home environment: Number of rooms/levels, indoor space available for the cat, windows or perches with views?

Do you have screens on windows/doors? ☐ Yes ☐ No Any balcony, patio, or enclosed outdoor space (e.g., catio)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there any potential hazards in your home for a cat (e.g., open balconies, toxic plants, heavy foot traffic, other risks)? ☐ Yes ☐ No How will you cat-proof the space?

Where will the cat spend most of its time (day and night)? Will it be primarily indoors? Do you plan to allow supervised outdoor access (e.g., harness walks, secure catio)?

How many hours per day will the cat be left alone? What arrangements will you make for longer absences (e.g., pet sitter, boarding)?

Daily Care and Lifestyle for Cats

How will you provide enrichment and stimulation for the cat (e.g., scratching posts, toys, interactive play, climbing trees/towers, puzzle feeders)?

Describe your planned daily routine with the cat (playtime, feeding, litter maintenance, grooming).

Are you prepared for typical cat behaviors such as scratching, jumping on furniture, nighttime activity, or litter box issues? ☐ Yes ☐ No How will you address them?

What is your plan for veterinary care, including spay/neuter (if not already done), vaccinations, annual check-ups, and emergencies?

Are all current household pets up-to-date on vaccinations and spay/neutered? If not, why not? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have children in the home? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, ages and experience with cats?

Does everyone in the household agree to adopting a cat? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you willing to allow a home visit by a Norris Ark representative? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Montana law (MCA 45-8-211) prohibits animal cruelty, including neglect. Are you familiar with and committed to meeting the state's standards for animal care, including providing adequate food, water, shelter, and medical care? ☐ Yes ☐ No

References

Personal Reference 1 (name, relationship, phone, email):

Personal Reference 2 (name, relationship, phone, email):

I certify that the information provided on the entire application is true and correct. I am also financially able to care for this animal. I will provide a loving, safe, healthy, and clean environment for the adopted cat. I know proper food, litter, toys, and veterinary care can be costly and I am able to meet these requirements. I also give consent to my veterinary office and any and all individuals listed to release information to us regardless of the type of information. Furthermore, I understand that a visit to and inspection of my home may be required and also may be on a random basis following adoption. I hereby give my permission to forward the information contained in this application to any Norris Ark representative or designated evaluator.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Cat Adoption Contract

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This Adoption Contract is entered into on [Date] between Norris Ark Training & Recovery Center ("Rescue") and _____ ("Adopter") for the adoption of the dog described below, in accordance with Montana law and to ensure the cat's welfare.

Cat Information

Name: _____ Breed/Mix: _____ Age: _____

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Spay/Neuter Status: ☐ Spayed/Neutered ☐ Will be spayed/neutered by _____

Microchip Number: _____

Adoption Fee: \$_____ (Non-refundable, covers veterinary care and rescue expenses)

Norris Ark Training & Recovery Center provides rescue and placement of pets that would otherwise be homeless. Adopting families acknowledge the commitment to provide safe, secure, affectionate, and healthy environments for these pets. Upon adoption of this cat the adopting party agrees as follows:

_____ The adopting party represents that no member of the family has ever been charged with cruelty to animals.

_____ The adopting party will keep the cat primarily as an inside house pet. If any outdoor access is provided, it must be in a secure, supervised enclosure (e.g., catio) adequate for the cat's safety and temperament. The cat will NOT be allowed to roam freely outdoors or be declawed.

_____ The adopting party will provide daily enrichment, play, and mental stimulation suitable for cats (e.g., toys, scratching posts, vertical space).

_____ The rescued cat will never be used in any form of animal fighting.

_____ The rescued cat will never be given, leased, nor sold to a laboratory or business or third party.

_____ A professional (e.g., veterinarian or certified behaviorist) will be consulted for any problems before giving up the cat.

_____ A rescued cat, deemed suitable for adoption, will be RETURNED to Norris Ark if the adopting party is subsequently unable or unwilling to care for the cat for any reason.

_____ The adopting party shall provide sufficient food, fresh water, litter, shelter, and reasonable medical care (including spay/neuter if not already performed).

_____ The rescued cat will not be neglected, abused, or treated cruelly and will not be the subject of experimentation.

_____ In the event any of the terms of this agreement have not been fulfilled, the adopting party shall surrender custody of the cat to Norris Ark. Should litigation be required, the adopting party shall pay legal fees and court costs.

_____ Norris Ark does not warrant the temperament or behavior of the adopted cat, nor is it warranted to be free of any genetic or health defects. The selection of the cat is based upon the adopting party's own observation and judgment. Further, Norris Ark is not responsible for any acts of the adopted cat while living with the adopting party.

_____ Furthermore, I agree that I will take this cat into my possession at my own risk and at my sole discretion.

I acknowledge that I have read the entirety of this application and understand it.

Signature: _____ Date: _____