

You must complete all sections and the questionnaire or your application will not be accepted. Please initial that you understand. \_\_\_\_\_

We may not have a cat at this time that will fit your needs or household, however as new animals become available, we may contact you if we find a suitable cat for your family. Please initial that you understand. \_\_\_\_\_

**FREDERICK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL **FELINE** ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Adopter Information (Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (other) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) years ( ) months

Do you: ( ) Rent ( ) Own\* ( ) Live with Parents Home Type: ( ) House ( ) Townhouse ( ) Apartment ( ) Condo

If you have resided at another residence within the past five (5) years, please indicate address(es) below:

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If you do not own your home, please provide the name and telephone number of your landlord or the homeowner. **We will call them:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Proof of home ownership is required if you do not live in Maryland**

Please identify **current** pets in your household:

Name	Breed/Species	Age	Age at Adoption	Gender M or F	Color	Spayed or Neutered	Are pet's current on their rabies vaccination?	Do your pets have a current County License?	Is pet maintained inside, outside, or both?

Do you currently have a veterinarian? ( ) Yes ( ) No **Veterinarian's Name and Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you currently have cats/dogs, is this the vet who has your pet's current rabies information? ( ) Yes ( ) No-if no, which vet did you use?

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Why do you want to adopt this animal? What do you have to offer this pet? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list all **previous** pets you have owned:

Name	Breed/Species	Age at Adoption	How long did he/she live with you?	What happened (died of old age, lost, given away, surrendered, etc)

Please list all members of your household including yourself:

Name	Driver's License Number	Age	Relationship to Applicant

Have you ever adopted from the Frederick County Animal Shelter before?  Yes  No If yes, list date? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate a transfer or move out of state?  Yes  No If yes, what will happen to the animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that Frederick County Code requires all dogs and cats to be licensed?  Yes  No

Do you agree to contact a veterinarian to schedule an appointment for your new pet within thirty (30) days of the date of adoption?  Yes  No

Who will be the primary caregiver for this pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to take the time to work with an animal that may not be housetrained?  Yes  No

Would you be willing to consult a professional trainer (i.e. obedience class, behaviorist)?  Yes  No

Are you willing to allow a new pet at least 60 days to adjust to your home environment?  Yes  No

How long are you willing to work with the pet while he/she adapts to his/her new environment and family members? \_\_\_\_\_

Does any person living in the household have allergies to animals?  Yes  No  Unknown If yes, what type and are they currently being treated with medication? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are going away, who will care for the pet? \_\_\_\_\_

How much will you budget for food, vet care, and license per year? \_\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you see this pet?  Walk-in  Social Media  Newspaper  Radio/TV  Other \_\_\_\_\_



7. How do you plan to handle any litter box issues?

8. How do you plan to keep your cat from scratching inappropriately?

9. Have your children owned cats before? Is there concern for allergies?

10. Under what circumstances would you NOT be able to keep the cat?

11. Are your present cats declawed? If yes, why?

12. Do you plan to declaw the cat? If yes, why?

13. Are all members of the household able to read cat body language?

14. List the TOP 5 qualities you are looking for in a cat. (ex: lap cat, playful, quiet, etc.)

15. List the TOP 5 qualities you are NOT looking for in a cat.

16. What are your expectations of a new pet?

17. Briefly describe your home environment (busy, noisy, calm, etc).

You **MUST** add any additional information that would be helpful in our decision making process below:

**ADOPTION PROCEDURE:**

A Frederick County Animal Control (FCAC) representative will conduct an informational interview with you, and your family if they desire to attend, prior to adoption. This personalized interview is designed to answer any questions about your new pet and to alert you to problems which may arise. The representative will help you plan how to successfully introduce your new pet to your home and explain how to help your new pet become a part of the family.

Please ensure your application is complete, which includes proof of property ownership or landlord/homeowner permission, as well as documentation that current dogs/cats on the property are up-to-date with rabies vaccines and licenses. The current process may take longer because you will not be able to meet the cat first and we are trying to match an animal that we feel would fit your home and lifestyle.

**BE AWARE, YOU ARE NOT MEETING THE ANIMAL PRIOR TO ADOPTION. MAKE SURE YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE ANIMAL FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)**

I certify that I have answered all questions honestly and to the best of my ability. I consent to FCAC contacting my veterinarian and landlord/homeowner (if applicable) for reference checks.

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Applicant's Printed Name

Applicant's Signature

Date

## OUR MISSION FOR FREDERICK COUNTY

To prevent cruelty, abuse and neglect of animals and protect the public health and safety in Frederick County by enforcing state, county and city ordinances to the fullest extent possible; to shelter homeless animals for placement in safe and loving home environments, and to educate the public on animal issues in order to foster a more aware and compassionate community.

### ADOPTION COUNSELING

Please take time in choosing a pet. Take into consideration the cost of food and health care as well as the time you have available to spend with your new companion. Consider the needs of the animal as well as your own.

Pets are easily confused by drastic changes in their homes, lifestyles, etc. Their habits may change with each new owner. **PLEASE ALLOW AT LEAST 90 DAYS FOR ANY ANIMAL TO ADJUST TO A NEW HOME.** You are new to the animal and they are not sure where they are or how long they will be there. If you cannot provide a lifetime home for a pet, do not adopt it!

Animals need companionship and supervision. Dogs need to be secured to prevent them from becoming a free-roaming nuisance to the community. Chaining has been shown to heighten territoriality and aggression. Chained dogs are often barkers, diggers, and easy targets for other dogs and pranksters. Fenced yards are recommended. All pets need a loving, secure home with proper food, water, shelter, exercise, and medical care provided.

The staff are trained to assist you in selecting the right pet. Please feel free to ask us for assistance in helping you select the right pet.

Placing animals in new homes is a responsibility we take very seriously. Our adoption program includes an application form and legal adoption agreement. All persons interested in adopting a pet from the Frederick County Animal Shelter must read and complete the forms. In the interest of the animal you wish to adopt and yourself, your patience and undivided attention is required throughout the process.

Animals in the Shelter are under the care of Frederick County Animal Control and we reserve the right to refuse the adoption of an animal. We reserve the right to investigate new homes and remove the animal if it is not receiving proper care or has been mistreated.

I have read and understand the information provided on the Frederick County Standard for Adoptions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_