

HSAC Cat Adoption Application

In an effort to assure the best possible pet adoption, we ask that you complete this application. An unwise adoption can result in an unpleasant experience for the pet and adoptive family and can make placing a returned animal into another home more difficult. We reserve the right to refuse any adoption that we feel is not in the best interest of this animal.

A refusal does not represent any shortcoming of the applicant, but reflects our assessment that a particular pet would possibly not do well in the circumstances offered. We feel that our years of experience should be our chief guide in arranging a successful adoption. It is our intention to make the best possible placement for this animal. We are committed to treating everyone as an individual and with respect during this screening process.

All adoption fees are considered donations and are non-refundable. _____ **Please make sure you and your family are ready for the expense, work, and commitment needed to ensure a successful adoption.** While we try to pre-screen medical and temperament issues before placing an animal for adoption, some behaviors or conditions can go undetected. We will be happy to help in any way should this happen, but cannot guarantee health or temperament.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ ID Verified: Yes No Staff: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Length at Job: _____ Employer's Phone: _____

Number of children in the home or that visit: _____ Ages: _____

Names of all adults (over 18 years old) in household: _____

Number of cats in the home or that visit: _____ Dogs: _____ Other pets: _____

Primary veterinarian: _____ Phone: _____

A check of your current pet's vaccination or other medical status may be required.

Do you: Own your home Rent Live with relatives/friends Other: _____

Landlord's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Housing verified: Online Tax Bill Lease Phone Other: _____ Staff: _____

How will this pet be exercised? _____

Where will this pet spend most of its time? _____

Are your current pets kept outside? Yes No Sometimes Will this pet be kept outside? Yes No Sometimes

What is your primary reason for adopting a cat today?

Family companion Gift for family/friend Mouser/Barn cat Companion for other pet Other: _____

If you have a dog, have they been around cats before? Yes No How do they behave? _____

When left alone, where will your new cat stay? _____

Is your current cat declawed? Yes No Are you planning to declaw this cat? Yes No Unsure

Do you have any behavioral questions about this cat? _____

Do you have any medical questions about this cat? _____

We recommend that all cats are kept indoors only for their safety and to reduce liabilities for the cat's owner. HSAC does not adopt out cats for the purpose of "mousing" or pest control.

Do you agree to keep this cat indoors at all times? Yes No

Routine veterinary care can easily cost at minimum \$200 a year for routine vaccines, deworming, and testing, without considering possible emergencies or unforeseen illnesses. Adopting a cat is a long-term financial commitment.

Are you financially ready and able to provide veterinary care for this cat? Yes No

Preventing fleas and ticks is easier and more cost-effective than dealing with the consequences of an infestation, which can range from skin infections for your pet to the need for an exterminator for your home. We have several products which are recommended by our veterinarians and prices can be quoted by your adoption counselor. These products should be used year-round due to our local weather conditions.

Would you like to purchase a supply of flea and tick preventative today? Yes No

A good-quality cat food is an essential part of your pet's health. Food of a poor quality can lead to health problems such as skin and ear infections or obesity. We offer high-quality cat food for purchase.

Would you like to purchase a bag of cat food today? Yes No

HSAC is firmly against the practice of declawing cats due to the pain inflicted and numerous behavioral and medical problems commonly associated with this type of surgery. While many veterinarians have different views, most shelters will agree that the majority of cats which are surrendered for litter box or biting problems are declawed. Sadly, the majority of these cats are euthanized due to these issues. HSAC considers declawing an inhumane practice. We would be happy to discuss alternatives with you, such as routine nail trims or an application of Soft Paws.

Do you plan to declaw this cat? Yes No

You will receive a complementary visit with one of our Veterinary Services doctors within 30 days of your cat's adoption. Some young animals may need booster vaccines, dewormers, or testing. These can be scheduled by calling our Veterinary Services department or with your adoption counselor today. Fees will apply for boosters and can be quoted by your adoption counselor. If your cat was too young to receive a Rabies vaccine at the time of adoption, this vaccine will be complementary at your adoption vet visit. Any medical issues or questions can be handled through our full-service veterinary facility. HSAC will not be responsible for any money paid to any other facility for any reason.

I have read and understand all the information and questions on both sides of this form. If I, my family, or other parties consent to having our photo taken today, I give consent from all parties for this photo to be used on the Humane Society of Atlantic County's Facebook page, website, and in other publications, and I understand I will receive no compensation. I have answered all questions honestly and thoroughly and addressed all concerns about this cat with my adoption counselor today.

Signed: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Adoption Fee	\$			
Flea/Tick Prevention	\$	Single Dose	3 pack/4 pack	Declined
Misc. Supplies	\$			
Total Amount Collected	\$	Type of Payment	HSAC File #	Staff

Still needed prior to discharge: _____