



Adoption Application

Background

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Thank you for your interest in providing a lifelong home for one of our cats. Once you have completed the application, we will review your application, and call your vet and landlord. We require a home visit. Please understand that we want the best fit for you and the rescued cat.

RappCats Background. Founded in 2007, RappCats is a nonprofit organization working to help the stray, abused, abandoned, and unwanted cats of Rappahannock County.

We take extra care to ensure that cats placed for adoption are cared for and healthy before they are adopted. We charge an adoption fee of \$110-150 to offset the costs of medical services and supplies so our cats are healthy and ready for adoption. In addition, the adoption fee tests the commitment of the adopter and discourages attempts to acquire cats for the purpose of selling them for unthinkable reasons, such as to vivisection labs, fighting, etc. It acts in this way as a sort of “earnest money.”

We want the best match of personality, temperament, and home environment for both the adoptive family and the cat. When we approve your application, we will ask you to sign a legally binding contract that says, that you will return the cat to us, and not to any other shelter or rescue group, if you decide not to keep it.

RappCats adopts regardless of an individual’s race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status. RappCats reserves the right to refuse the adoption of any cat without stating a reason.

Example of fees we pay:

Procedure	Cost
Sterilization	\$90
Feline Leukemia/FIV Combo test	\$30
Rabies Vaccine	\$15
Distemper (FVRCP)	\$20

The above examples do not include food, litter, drugs, and other routine expenses. We will contact you after the adoption for follow up.

Once the paperwork has been completed and you pay the adoption fee, you will be able to take your new companion home. Please provide a carrier for transport.

Conditions of adoption:

- Valid identification showing your current address.
- If you rent, a copy of your lease showing that you are allowed to have a pet. If you own your home, we may verify home ownership.
- You must be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide training, medical treatment, and proper care for a cat.
- **Please contact your veterinarian and authorize him or her to provide a reference to us.**
- You must be willing to make a lifelong commitment to the care and well being of your cat. If you are not prepared to accept a lifetime of loving commitment (companion cats can live 15–20 years) to your cat, please look elsewhere.
- **Return Policy.** If for any reason you wish or need to return a cat you have adopted from us, you can do so within 30 days for a full refund of the adoption fee. After that, be it months or years later, if you for any reason you are unwilling or unable to care for your RappCat, you **must** return him/her to RappCats. We will not be able to refund the adoption fee, but we will place him/her in a new home. We do not ever want our kitties to end up on the streets or at a shelter again.
- **You must have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment.**
- You must agree that, once the adoption is complete, we are not responsible for the cat's future medical condition or expenses, or its temperament, and that you will indemnify us against, and hold us harmless for, future liability relating to this adoption.
 - However, if your RappCat ever has a condition or injury that you cannot afford to remedy, please contact us. We may be able to help you get resources for vet services.



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How did you hear about RappCats? _____

PART 1: About You

Reasons for wanting cat: mouser for kids house pet gift
 companionship other: _____

Cat(s) being considered for adoption: _____

Name:	Date:
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

How long have you lived at this address?

Are you planning to move in the next 6 months? Yes No

Have you adopted from RappCats before? If so, when? _____ Name of cat? _____

Does anyone in your household have any allergies to domestic animals: Yes No

If allergies develop, are you willing to take steps to keep the pet? Yes No

Please check all that apply:

Do You?	Activity Level:	Household Has:	You Live With:	Residence Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Own	<input type="checkbox"/> Quiet	<input type="checkbox"/> live alone	<input type="checkbox"/> spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> house
<input type="checkbox"/> Rent	<input type="checkbox"/> Active	<input type="checkbox"/> adults only	<input type="checkbox"/> parents	<input type="checkbox"/> condo
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hectic	<input type="checkbox"/> family with children ages: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> children	<input type="checkbox"/> apartment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Seldom home		<input type="checkbox"/> significant other	<input type="checkbox"/> dormitory
			<input type="checkbox"/> other pets	<input type="checkbox"/> mobile home
			<input type="checkbox"/> roommates	<input type="checkbox"/> other

Before completing the adoption, RappCats will contact your current or former veterinarian. **Please let the veterinarian know that we will be contacting him or her as a reference.**

Current or Former Vet: _____

Your Current Pets:

Pet's Name	Species	Age	Spayed/Neutered		How Long Owned	Kept Inside/Outside	
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No	_____	In	Out
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No	_____	In	Out

Former Pets (within last five years)

Pet's Name	Species	Age	Spayed/Neutered		How Long Owned	Kept Inside/Outside		Reason for Separation
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No	_____	In	Out	
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No	_____	In	Out	
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No	_____	In	Out	

We are looking for people who will make every effort possible to keep their cat(s) for the entire life of the pet (12-18 years or more). Are you prepared for this obligation?

Are you willing to spend the money necessary for updating shots on time & emergency care for your pet? Yes No

Part 2: About Your New Cat

1. Describe what you are looking for in a cat:

Gender	Age	Coat	Activity Level	Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female <input type="checkbox"/> no preference	<input type="checkbox"/> kitten <input type="checkbox"/> teen <input type="checkbox"/> adult <input type="checkbox"/> no preference	<input type="checkbox"/> short <input type="checkbox"/> medium <input type="checkbox"/> long <input type="checkbox"/> no preference	<input type="checkbox"/> low <input type="checkbox"/> medium <input type="checkbox"/> high <input type="checkbox"/> very active	<input type="checkbox"/> indoor only <input type="checkbox"/> outdoor only <input type="checkbox"/> indoor/outdoor RappCats requires cats to be kept indoors unless special exception.

Other Characteristics			
<input type="checkbox"/> playful <input type="checkbox"/> affectionate <input type="checkbox"/> rambunctious	<input type="checkbox"/> shy <input type="checkbox"/> lazy <input type="checkbox"/> aloof	<input type="checkbox"/> lap cat <input type="checkbox"/> tolerant <input type="checkbox"/> naughty	<input type="checkbox"/> vocal <input type="checkbox"/> friendly

- Does everyone in the house agree with adopting a new pet at this time?
- Where will you keep your cat? indoor only outdoors free access to outdoors
 in the barn other: _____
- If you wish to let the cat outside, will the cat be supervised and in a safe location?
- Do you plan to declaw your cat?
- If you are looking for a declawed cat, what are your concerns about having a cat with claws?

7. Tell us about your past experiences with pets?
8. For kittens: How long has it been since you have raised a kitten? Is your house kitten-proofed?
9. For senior cats: Do you understand that senior cats often require vet visits twice a year, including blood tests to insure good health? Are you prepared to handle the financial obligation?
10. How many hours will the cat spend alone each day?
11. Your pet may take two months or more to adjust to its new home. Will you allow enough time for the pet to make the adjustment?
12. What will you do if the cat does not get along with your other pets?
13. Have you ever had an experience with a cat that did not use the litter box? _____ If so, what did you do?
14. What behaviors in the cat will you not tolerate or find difficult to manage?
15. Do you have any concerns about adopting?
16. One cat will cost an average of \$400 per year in food, litter, and regular medical care (not including emergencies). Are you prepared for this financial obligation?
17. If you are required to move homes, out of the state, or out of the country, will you take the cat with you?
18. Have you ever surrendered a pet to an animal shelter or animal rescue group? If so, when and why?

19. The cat or kitten's demeanor may be different upon going home. Many kitties will relax, become playful, and/or let their personality blossom after feeling safe. If the cat is not a good match for your home, will you agree to bring the cat back to us?
20. Do you have any questions regarding:

a. Litter box training	f. Declawing
b. Indoors vs. outdoors	g. Cats with children
c. Scratching furniture?	h. Cats who escape outdoors
d. Vaccines/annual vet visits	i. Identification tags or microchips
e. Diet	j. Other questions?

We contact all adoptive families at 3 days and 3 weeks after an adoption, as well as 3-4 months after an adoption, to check on the welfare of the cat and to answer any questions. After an adoption, if your contact information changes, we ask that you email us your current information. Do you agree to do this?

I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment. If any changes occur affecting this statement, I will notify RappCats promptly. I have read this statement, and by my signature below, certify to RappCats that it is true. I understand that RappCats has the right to refuse any applicant.

If my application is approved, I will agree to release, indemnify, and hold RappCats harmless from any and all liability relating to my adoption.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOR RAPPCATS USE

RappCats Volunteer: Name (please print): _____

1. Please list any concerns about adopting to the applicant:
2. Vet check completed on _____ by
(volunteer)_____.
3. All pets sterilized? Overall welfare of pets? Any vet concerns about adopting a cat?
4. Cat goes home on _____
5. 3-day follow-up contact completed on _____ by (volunteer) _____.
6. 3-week follow-up email/call completed on _____ by (volunteer) _____.
7. 3-month follow-up call completed on _____ by (volunteer) _____.