



## ADOPTION INFORMATION SHEET 4PAWS RESCUE TEAM

### *IF YOU'RE APPLYING TO ADOPT A CAT*

- o To speed the processing of your application, fax it to (703) 560-9795. You can also leave the completed application at the PETCO store. Be sure to call us at (703) 715-MEOW (6369) to let us know you've left an application at the store. Tell us at which PETCO store you've left the application and which cat(s) you wish to adopt.
- o Please allow approximately one week for processing. We will call you when we've reviewed your application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- o Our adoption fee is \$120.00 for a sterilized cat. The adoption fee for an unsterilized cat is \$145.00 (\$95 adoption fee; \$50 refundable sterilization deposit). The adoption fee helps to offset the costs associated with getting a cat or kitten ready for adoption. These costs include leukemia/AIDS testing (\$40-\$60); deworming; exam; rabies/distemper vaccinations (\$20-\$30 each); spaying (\$80-\$140) or neutering (\$75-\$110); supplies (food, litter, bedding); and micro chipping.
- o We may suggest another cat instead of the one you wanted, depending on your lifestyle and household. Our goal is to make the best match possible.
- o All cats have been vaccinated as appropriate for their age, and most have been sterilized. 4Paws does NOT vaccinate for feline leukemia.
- o **IMPORTANT: A cat rescued by 4Paws is a cat rescued for life. We will always accept back any cat previously adopted out through our program.** You may return the cat for a refund if we are notified within 30 days of the adoption date. **AS INDICATED IN THE CONTRACT, IF FOR ANY REASON AND AT ANY POINT IN THE FUTURE YOU CANNOT KEEP THE CAT, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE CAT TO 4PAWS.** You must call us at (703) 715-MEOW (6369) before returning a cat. Do not call PETCO, as they have no authority to accept a cat on behalf of 4Paws.

**DO NOT LEAVE PAYMENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION UNLESS YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO BY A 4PAWS REPRESENTATIVE.**

**We participate in the Combined Federal Campaign and the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign. Please consider designating the 4Paws Rescue Team as the recipient of your charitable contributions.**

**CFC # 34517**

**CVC # 3472**

**4Paws Rescue Team, P.O. Box 2908, Merrifield, VA 22116**

**Phone: 703-715-6369 Fax: 703-560-9795**

**[www.fourpaws.org](http://www.fourpaws.org)**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- 10-20 million animals are euthanized every year in animal shelters
- Every 1.5 seconds a shelter animal is killed
- One cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 cats in 7 years
- Accidental births are the main contributor to the pet overpopulation problem
- The only way to stop the overpopulation crisis is to spay or neuter your pets. It's a simple, relatively inexpensive procedure that will result in a healthier and happier pet.

## MYTHS ABOUT SPAYING AND NEUTERING

**MYTH:** Spaying /neutering your pet will make her fat.

**FACT:** After surgery your cat will require slightly less food. The **major** contributor to obesity in pets is feeding a dry food diet. Wet food has significantly less calories than dry food.

**MYTH:** I want my children to experience the miracle of life and I will find homes for all the kittens.

**FACT:** You might be lucky enough to find homes for all the kittens, but your kittens would be taking those opportunities from other homeless cats. Additional feline births result in unnecessary deaths.

If you are interested in caring for a litter of kittens, please contact 4Paws at [info@fourpaws.org](mailto:info@fourpaws.org). We can arrange for you to foster a pregnant or nursing shelter cat that is scheduled for euthanasia.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4PAWS RESCUE TEAM ADOPTION APPLICATION

NAME OF CAT APPLYING TO ADOPT: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the application completely. In order to ensure that a particular animal is the right choice for your household, we must have an understanding of your needs and expectations with regard to acquiring a new pet. All references will be checked, so please provide phone numbers.

**\*\*INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED\*\***

**P L E A S E   P R I N T   C L E A R L Y**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (self) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (spouse): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you own or rent the home? \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (self): \_\_\_\_\_  
 If rent, name of landlord: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (spouse): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Landlord email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (self): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Landlord phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (spouse): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the animals (living & deceased) that you have shared your home with in the past five years:

Type/Name (For example, Dog/Ziggy)	Breed	Sex	Age	Shots up to date?	Yes Or No Spayed or Neutered	Do you still have this pet? If not, why?

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*If applicable:*  
 Spay/Neuter Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alter Refund Due (amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to adopt this cat? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many adults live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Children? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
Does anyone in the household suffer from pet allergies? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where will the cat be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ At night? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many hours will the cat be alone during the day? \_\_\_\_\_  
What will you do with the cat if you have to move? \_\_\_\_\_  
What arrangements will you make for the cat's care when you are away on travel? \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
How long have you worked there? \_\_\_\_\_  
Does your or your spouse's employer move you around? \_\_\_\_\_  
Could you be transferred? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you aware of what veterinary care is needed for this cat(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you financially able to provide quality food and veterinary care? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name AND phone number of veterinarian (current and prior): \_\_\_\_\_

***Providing this information authorizes us to contact your vet for information about the care of your pet(s).***

Do you know the average life span of a cat? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you know that certain items are dangerous to your pet, such as chocolate, chicken bones, fertilizer, antifreeze, detergents, rubber bands, certain plants, and artificial sweeteners? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever given away, rehomed, or taken a pet to a shelter? If so please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you regarding volunteer opportunities? \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Questions**

**BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I ATTEST THAT I HAVE ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS ACCURATELY AND COMPLETELY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

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Adoption fee: \$ _____	From what location: _____
(pay upon request)	



# 4PAWS RESCUE TEAM ADOPTION CONTRACT

**Adopter name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cat name:** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this contract, I (we) agree to all of the following terms and conditions. If I (we) do not comply with all the terms and conditions herein, I (we) understand that I (we) will be required to relinquish ownership of the cat(s) to 4Paws.

1. I (we) agree to treat this cat as a family pet, giving it loving care and attention.
2. I (we) agree to have the cat sterilized if not already done, and provide proof of sterilization via fax (703-560-9795) or mail upon completion of the surgery. Cat must be spayed/neutered by: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) agree to sterilize the cat by the above date and provide proof to 4Paws within 30 days of the surgery. I (we) understand that if I (we) do not comply with these terms, I (we) forfeit our sterilization refund. Furthermore, if sterilization is not done within 45 days of the due date, I (we) agree to give the cat back to the 4Paws Rescue Team. If required to return the cat to 4Paws for a violation of any of the terms in this contract, I (we) understand that I (we) will forfeit the entire adoption fee, including the sterilization deposit. An extension of the sterilization deadline may be granted by an authorized representative of the 4Paws Rescue Team if requested in a timely manner and for a valid medical reason. To request an extension, please contact 4Paws.

**Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. I (we) agree to keep rabies and distemper vaccinations current, and to provide, at minimum, annual medical care from a licensed veterinarian.

4. If the cat has been micro-chipped, I (we) agree to keep the registration information current and accurate. In addition, we agree to provide a safety break-away or elastic-type collar with an identification tag with the owner's name and phone number.

5. I (we) agree to feed the cat each day and have clean drinking water available at **ALL** times. I (we) agree to follow any special or restrictive diet required for the cat's health, to include food prescribed by my veterinarian.

6. I (we) agree to keep the cat inside my (our) residence and within my (our) control at all times. I (we) agree that the cat will be kept indoors **ONLY**, as access to the outdoors is dangerous for the cat. "Indoors" is inside the walled residence only, and *excludes* porches (unless fully enclosed), decks, balconies, patios and yards (whether fenced or not).

**Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

7. I (we) agree to allow a home inspection(s) at reasonable times upon reasonable notice.

8. I (we) agree not to sell, trade or give away the cat. I (we) agree not to give the cat to anyone as a gift. If at any time I (we) can no longer care for or keep the cat, I (we) agree to return it to the 4Paws Rescue Team. I understand that my adoption fee is refundable within 30 days of adopting the cat, minus any veterinary expenses incurred by 4Paws due to my (our) mistreatment or neglect of the cat. After 30 days, the cat will be accepted by 4Paws, but my (our) adoption fee will not be refunded. **I (we) understand that I (we) are required to return the cat to 4Paws at any point in the future, for any reason, if I (we) can no longer care for the cat.**

9. I (we) agree not to keep the cat confined in a room or small area for long periods of time.

10. I (we) agree that the cat will not be used, sold or traded for experimentation; nor will the cat be used as bait for fighting dogs; for making fur items for humans; for ritual killings; for eating; or for sex.

11. I (we) agree that the cat will not be left alone in a vehicle, no matter how short the time to prevent theft, escape, or injury/death from extreme heat or cold.

12. I (we) agree that the 4Paws Rescue Team may check with my veterinarian to ensure that appropriate care is being given to my current pet(s) as well as the cat(s) adopted from 4Paws.

**Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

13. I (we) agree **not to declaw** any cat adopted from the 4Paws Rescue Team. I (we) understand that declawing involves surgical amputation of the first digit of a cat's toes. It is an extremely painful procedure that can result in unwanted behavior such as biting, skittishness, or urination outside the litter box. Unwanted scratching behavior can be

managed by an attentive and patient owner who is willing to clip the cat's claws and teach it to use a scratching post using positive reinforcement. If you require a declawed cat, please ask us about the cats available for adoption that have already been declawed.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: I (we) understand that I am (we are) responsible for a fee of \$1,000.00 per cat if any of the terms of this contract are breached. Said amount is due and payable to the 4Paws Rescue Team within 15 days of being notified in writing of the breach. My (our) initials signify my (our) understanding of this clause. Further, should I (we) breach this contract, 4Paws Rescue Team may demand immediate possession of the cat(s), in which case I (we) agree to immediately surrender the cat(s). 4Paws' primary concern is with the health and welfare of the cat(s). To that end, in the case of breach of clause 13 of this contract, I (we) understand that at the full discretion of the 4Paws Rescue Team, the liquidated damages may be waived upon return of the cat to the organization.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption Fee

In order to recoup some of the costs of sterilizing, vaccinating, and caring for each animal, the 4Paws Rescue Team collects an adoption fee at the time of adoption. The adoption fee for a sterilized cat is \$120.00. The adoption fee for an unsterilized kitten is \$145.00, of which \$50.00 is a sterilization deposit. This \$50.00 deposit will be returned to the adopter after proof of sterilization is provided to 4Paws via fax or mail (in accordance with the terms in clause 2 of this contract).

By signing this contract, I (we) swear that all statements on my (our) Application for Adoption are true. I (we) certify that I (we) have not been convicted of a charge of or related to cruelty to animals, and that no such charge is pending. I (we) understand that this pet may be repossessed in the event of misrepresentation of any facts provided in this application, if the cat's home is found to be injurious to the health, safety or welfare of the cat, or if I (we) fail to comply with any of the provisions of this contract. **I (WE) RELEASE THE PEOPLE PROVIDING THIS CAT FROM ALL LIABILITY AND INJURY SUSTAINED WHILE THE CAT IS IN MY (OUR) POSSESSION.** The 4Paws Rescue Team takes steps to ensure that only healthy, friendly cats are adopted out, however, I (we) understand that no representation is made regarding the health or condition of the cat, and although I (we) may return the cat at any time, neither the 4Paws Rescue Team nor the person providing this cat is liable for any damages involving this cat.

I HAVE READ THIS CONTRACT AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS

Adopter's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Adoption fee received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by (circle one) Cash Check Credit Card

Alter refund due \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (upon receipt of proof of sterilization)

4Paws Team representative \_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER - CFC # 34517 CVC # 3472**

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