

# CAT ADOPTION APPLICATION

Preadopt? Y / N Dep: \_\_\_\_\_ Method: \_\_\_\_\_  
Store Forms Completed: \_\_\_\_\_



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

Cat ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescued pet. The following information is requested so that our adoption counselors can assist you in the selection of a new pet. The animal's welfare is our foremost concern. The consultation process is designed to help us assist you in finding an animal most compatible with your lifestyle and to determine if the adoption is in the animal's best interest.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
TX Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your home a  House,  Apartment,  Mobile Home,  Townhouse / Condo Do you  Own, or  Rent?

*Before proceeding with this application, please initial each item below. This is required to proceed with an adoption.*  
**I understand and affirm that:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am 18 years of age or older and have identification showing proof of current address.

\_\_\_\_\_ ARF reserves the right to refuse adoption, or placement, to anyone. Adoption approval, or refusal, decisions are made solely at the discretion of ARF. Falsifying information on the application will result in disqualification from adoption.

\_\_\_\_\_ All potential adopters homes may be screened for suitable placement of animals. By submitting this application, you give permission for ARF to investigate and confirm the information that you provide. You agree that this information can be shared with other humane societies, or rescue groups.

\_\_\_\_\_ You give permission for an ARF representative to visit your home prior to adoption to do a home check and after adoption to do follow-up checks on your adopted pet if requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), hereby give permission to my landlord, apartment complex, mobile home park, or neighborhood associations to release information to ARF concerning my pet deposit, or other rules regarding pet ownership.

**My Landlord/Apt. Complex's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), hereby give permission for any veterinarian providing service to me to release medical information on any/all of my animals, past and present, to ARF.

**My current veterinarian is:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**I understand and affirm the above information, and agree to the requirements ARF has in the adoption process.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

# ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION of Texas, INC.

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**Before completing this application, please read the adoption contract you must agree to and will later sign.**

Please complete both pages and the attached contract. Then, give it to an ARF adoption counselor or fax all pages to: 972.318.9647

### Adopter Information

How long at current address? \_\_\_\_ Yrs \_\_\_\_ Mos. Do you plan to move in the next 12 months?  Yes  No

**Renter Info:** Does your landlord require a pet deposit?  Yes,  No How much? \$\_\_\_\_\_

Does your landlord set a weight limit for pets?  Yes,  No Weight limit? \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

Do you currently have a pet deposit held by your landlord?  Yes,  No

Is the pet deposit per household, or per animal? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per day will this cat be (define in hours): Inside? \_\_\_\_ Outside: \_\_\_\_ Crated? \_\_\_\_

Total number of individuals in household: \_\_\_\_ Ages of children in your household: \_\_\_\_\_

Do all of the adults in your household consent to the adoption / fostering of this cat?  Yes,  No

Do you or anyone in your home have a known allergy to cats?  Yes,  No

If you had to move, what would you do with this cat? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to adopt a cat? \_\_\_\_\_

What attributes are you looking for in a cat? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your 1<sup>st</sup> experience with a cat?  Yes,  No Do you, or your spouse, travel frequently?  Yes,  No

Where would the cat stay if you went out of town? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this cat be kept while you are at work, or away from home? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be the primary caregiver? \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR ARF USE ONLY

ARF Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cat DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male  Female Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed/Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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VSA given? For: Exam FVRCP Vac Deworm FeLV Vac Rabies FeLV Test Spay/Neuter Exp \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Owner Manual provided?  Adoption Policy explained?  Pet History completed?  App & Contract Signed

Adoption Location: FMPS HVPC EWPS HOME Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Payment Information**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Paypal  Cash  Credit

Adoption Fee: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Application reviewed/approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ ARF Adoption Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

# ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION of Texas, INC. CAT ADOPTION APPLICATION

## Pet ownership history:

Total number of pets you currently own: # of dogs: \_\_\_\_\_ # of cats: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (species: \_\_\_\_\_)

Are all pets in your household current on their vaccinations?  Yes  No

Are any cats in your household diagnosed with diseases, such as: Feline Leukemia (FeLV)  Yes  No

Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP)  Yes  No Feline immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)  Yes  No

**Please list all pets currently owned**

NAME	Type	Breed	Sex	Spayed/Neutered	Inside/Outside/Both	Age	Declawed

**List all pets owned within the past 2 years, NOT currently owned. (Include deceased, lost, stolen, sold, or given away):**

Name	Type	Breed	Sex	Spayed/Neutered	Age	Declawed	Reason

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a rescue program, shelter, or animal control?  Yes  No

Are you planning to declaw this cat?  Yes  No

If you have dogs, have they been exposed to cats before?  Yes  No

No cat is perfect! Please tell us what behaviors you are unwilling, or unable, to work through. Please check all that apply:

Eliminating outside the litterbox  Scratching furniture or carpet  Jumping on counters

Rough play (biting)  Meowing  None of these

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this application, I confirm that all information in this application is correct and complete and I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to all the terms and conditions of the adoption contract (pages 4 & 5). I authorize my landlord, veterinarian, and any other parties contacted to release information confirming this application to ARF for verification. Failure to provide accurate information will forfeit my adoption fee and revert ownership of this animal to ARF. Your signature will be required at the time you meet with a ARF representative.

Potential adopters are screened for suitability. ARF reserves the right to refuse placement of an animal for any reason. Animals may be removed from unsuitable homes at any time based upon the discretion of the ARF Board of Directors.

Adopter/Caregiver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION of TEXAS, INC.

## CAT ADOPTION CONTRACT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ARF Cat ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Cat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the above, then print out these pages and bring with you** when you meet with a ARF adoption counselor. **Read and initial** each section. This is **a legally binding contract**. Please consult with your adoption counselor if you do not understand any portion of this contract.

	<p><b>I understand that The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas strongly discourages declawing of cats.</b> Before declawing the adopted cat, I will discuss other options with a representative of The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas. I agree that, if no reasonable alternative to declawing can be found, only the front claws will be removed. <b>I WILL NOT subject the cat to a four-paw declaw</b> I understand that removal of a cat's front claws destroys its primary natural defense mechanism. I agree to compensate for this loss by keeping the cat in a safe, indoor environment at all times.</p>
	<p>I understand that The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas strongly recommends that all adopted cats be kept indoors at all times to prevent injury and disease. I specifically agree to keep the adopted cat indoors at all times, especially when I reside in a multi-family housing unit (apartment, condo, four-plex, duplex, mobile home, park, etc.)</p>
	<p>I agree to provide the cat daily food and fresh water, shelter from extreme temperature and weather conditions, and veterinary care to prevent and treat disease, illness, and injury. I also agree to keep the cat free of parasites (such as fleas, ticks, worms, etc.). I will ensure that it is treated in a humane manner at all times.</p>
	<p>I attest that I am not obtaining this animal for use in any kind of experimentation, or for the sale to any agency that performs experiments on animals.</p>
	<p>The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas does not necessarily know the nature of the animal, or its characteristics, and gives no warranties, expressed and/or implied, of temperament, or fitness. I confirm that I have been provided information on the cat's current health status, noting any known pre-existing conditions. I understand that the cat is delivered "as is." I understand that the cat should be isolated for a period of time from my own cats, to the extent possible, in the event that it has been exposed to any type of illness.</p>
	<p>If I should decide, for whatever reasons, that I cannot continue to care for this cat, I will notify The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas for the option of returning the animal to them. ARF acknowledges that this may not always be possible and, in that event, I will make every possible effort to place the animal with another responsible caregiver. Should I turn the cat over to an animal shelter, or contemplate having it destroyed, I will notify The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas immediately for alternative suggestions and resources.</p>
	<p>I understand that The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas has transferred ownership of this cat to me based on the information provided in my Adoption Application. The cat is not to be given, or sold, to another individual, institution, or organization, without the express permission of The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas. The cat is not to be placed in any environment that is functionally different than the one described in my Adoption Application.</p>
	<p>I relieve The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas of all liability and responsibility for damage, or injury, to persons, property, or other animals caused directly, or indirectly, by the cat.</p>
	<p>I understand that this cat has social and emotional needs, as well as physical ones. I am prepared and able to devote time and attention to the cat to meet those needs.</p>
	<p>I agree to notify The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas if the cat is lost, or dies, within one (1) year.</p>
	<p>I grant permission to The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas to verify information provided in my Adoption Application, including, but not limited to, payment of required cat deposits and verification of veterinary care.</p>

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**CAT ADOPTION CONTRACT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** (continued)

	I understand that it is the responsibility of the new cat owner to see that the animal complies with all health regulations and other applicable ordinances. This includes, but is not limited to, vaccinations to prevent rabies and local cat licensing laws.
	I agree to take every necessary precaution to ensure that any animal in my care does not reproduce. Although it is rare for ARF to adopt an unaltered animal, I promise that, should I adopt an unaltered animal, it will be spayed, or neutered, at the earliest possible time in accordance with reasonable veterinary advice. My failure to have such a cat altered by 4 months of age, or a dog by 7 months of age, without showing justification otherwise, constitutes just cause for The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas to revoke the adoption and to remove said animal from my ownership and care.
	I understand that there is a monetary cost associated with pet ownership. In addition to routine vaccinations and screening tests, cats may need veterinary care for treatment of illness and/or injury. Other costs may include charges for pet deposits required by landlords and damage to personal property. I attest that I am both financially able and willing to accept full responsibility for the cat.
	I confirm that I am making a long-term commitment to the ownership of this cat. The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas has informed me of the animal's estimated current age, and I understand the life expectancy of the cat <u>may</u> exceed 20 years. I also understand that changes in my life-style, or family composition, do not relieve me of my responsibility to the cat.
	I understand that The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas cannot predict the behavior of this cat in its new home. Failure of the cat to meet my expectations does not relieve me of my responsibility to the cat. I understand that consistent, humane training can help the cat adapt to its new home and alter certain behaviors.
	I understand that children are not fully capable of caring for a cat and that the primary responsibility of the cat rests on the adult adopter. I will provide appropriate supervision and instruction on proper handling of cats to children in my household.
	I agree to present the cat and the cat's Health Record provided me in the Cat Adoption Literature to a full-service veterinarian for examination within 30 days for any additional medical treatment required.
	I confirm that I am adopting the cat as a personal companion, that it will reside at my primary residence, and that I am not acquiring this cat solely for use as a guard animal, or for rodent control.
	<p>Other special conditions of adoption: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(to be filled in by an ARF representative)</p>
	I understand that failure to comply with any of the conditions in this agreement constitutes just cause for The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas to revoke the adoption arrangement and remove said cat from my ownership and care, with no refund of adoption fees, at which time full ownership of the cat will revert back to The Animal Rescue Foundation of Texas.

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

ARF Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_