



# CatSpan Ferals Registered Charity

## Adoption Contract

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Adopting a kitten or a cat is a serious and life-long commitment. Many cats live 18 years or more.

Before signing below and adopting a cat, please review the questions on the reverse side.

Cat Name:

M or F? Age

Description: Tattoo#

I will give this cat humane treatment and care at all times and I will ensure the psychological and social needs of this animal are met, including grooming and exercise and the provisions of healthy food and water, comfortable shelter and veterinary care.

1. I agree to keep the cat in my possession (in a private residence) and will not give him/her away to anyone except to CatSpan. I will not have this cat destroyed except on the advice of a veterinarian or a CatSpan representative. 2. Unless directed by a licensed Veterinarian for reasons related to the health and welfare of the cat, declawing will not be performed under any circumstances.

3. I will not release this animal for medical or veterinarian experimentation.

4. I will allow CatSpan visitation rights to ensure that the terms of this adoption agreement are being met. If in the opinion of CatSpan this animal is not receiving proper care, I will release the cat unconditionally to CatSpan. I acknowledge CatSpan will contact me to arrange a date & time for a home visit.

5. I will keep our newly adopted cat indoors for a minimum of 3 weeks before introducing it to the outdoors (if this cat is to be an indoor/outdoor pet).

6. I agree the cat will not be left with small children at any time when unattended by an adult. 7. I will not hold CatSpan responsible for any present or future illness of this animal. I understand that CatSpan makes a reasonable attempt to ensure only healthy animals are adopted, but this cannot be guaranteed. CatSpan will not knowingly place an animal which is not of good temperament or health but no guarantee can be given as to the health and/or temperament of any animal.

8. I understand that CatSpan accepts no responsibility for the present or future condition of the animal or any action or behaviour of the animal.

9. Kittens/Cats are NOT to be given as gifts. The person(s) signing below MUST be the home in which the kitten/cat will live.

10. Should the kitten/cat adopted from CatSpan not work out for some reason and you can no longer keep the kitten/cat, the animal MUST be returned to CatSpan.

11. The adoption fee for this cat is \_\_\_\_\_ to help cover spay, neuter and medical costs.

Adopted by (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# Questions To Ask Your Self Before Adopting a Cat:

## **Do I have time for a cat?**

Cats require time and attention every day and may become destructive, withdrawn, or depressed if they are left alone for too long. If you work extremely long hours or are out of town frequently this might not be the best time for you to adopt a cat. Often people who work full time will adopt two cats together, so they can keep each other company while their humans are away.

## **Do I have money for a cat?**

The cost of caring for a cat will vary, but a reasonable estimate is that a conscientious caretaker will spend \$500 to \$1000 a year on cat care for one cat. This includes the annual vet visit and vaccinations and food and litter. Medical emergencies or extra treats will cost more.

## **Do I have a stable home environment for a cat?**

Every cat deserves a secure home environment, and most cats prefer a quiet place without much change. For this reason a house with a lot of noise or constantly changing roommates may not be ideal for a cat.

## **Do I fully understand the responsibilities involved in caring for a cat?**

Cats can live as long as 15 to 20 years and will require daily care throughout their entire lives. Are you ready to make this kind of commitment? Responsibilities include feeding your cat and cleaning her litter box daily. You will also have to take your cat to the veterinarian and may need to administer medication from time to time. You must cat-proof your home, removing objects that present a danger to your cat.

**Do I have the patience and perseverance to work through any difficulties that might arise?** Nearly all problems that result in a cat being abandoned or given up can be solved if the caretaker is patient and flexible. For example, if someone is moving it generally is possible to find housing that allows pets, but it may require more time and more searching. Behavioral problems like scratching and inappropriate soiling can sometimes be solved by switching litters, buying a different type of litter box, or providing a scratching post. In other cases it will take time and gradual training to help your cat through these difficulties. People who are not willing to put some time and effort into caring for their cats should not adopt.

**How will other family members, my spouse or significant other feel about this cat?** All family members should be involved in choosing and caring for a cat. Too many people abandon their cats because their husband, daughter, or mother doesn't like the cat. Others decide to begin having children and drop their cat off at the shelter. So everyone in the household must be committed to caring for this cat throughout her life. All family members should respect the cat and agree not to hit her, physically punish her for misbehavior, or mistreat her in any way.

## **Do I consider this cat an important member of my family?**

Cats are not toys or house plants. They require love, attention, and care. Cats cannot simply be shut away in one room of a house. Cats cannot be ignored just because their caretakers are busy. Cats enjoy just being around their human families, even just sitting nearby while they are watching TV.

## **Who will take care of this cat in the event of an emergency?**

Make plans now for who can care for your cat in the event of an emergency, or if you go out of town for business or vacation. You may rely on relatives or you can trade off cat-sitting with a neighbour who also has cats. In some cases you may choose to board your cat at your vet's office or with a reputable pet motel. Always investigate boarding places carefully; you don't want to leave your cat somewhere she might be neglected or abused.

## **Am I planning to move any time in the next few years?**

Moving is the number one reason people cite for giving up their cats at shelters. If moving might be a possibility for you, ask yourself if you are really ready to make a commitment to a cat. If you'd still like to adopt, start making a plan now for how both you and your cat can move safely and happily.

**If you've answered all of these questions and feel that you are ready for both the rewards and responsibilities of caring for a cat, congratulations!** Our volunteers will be happy to answer any further questions you may have and help you to find the right cat for your family.



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## Adoption Application

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Please complete the following questions:

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian (name and telephone #):  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many people currently reside in your household? \_\_\_\_\_ Any children in the household?  Yes  No

List ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Does any member of the family have any allergies to animals?  Yes  No  Don't Know

Please explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for the cat's care?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where do you live?  Apartment  Condo  Farm  Mobile home  Townhouse  House

Do you own or rent your residence?  Own  Rent

If you rent, are there restrictions on the number of pets per household?  Yes  No  Not sure

What is the name of the landlord and phone number?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are pets such as a cat allowed?  Yes  No  Not sure

Where will the cat be kept?  Indoors only  Outdoors only  Both in/out

Will anyone be home during the day?  Yes  No

How many hours will the cat be left unattended?  
\_\_\_\_\_

When no one is home, where will the cat be kept?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is the volume of traffic on your street  light  moderate  heavy? How many cars go by in an hour?

Tell us about the pets you have owned in the past.

**Describe the pets you still care for or that are living in your household.**

Name	Breed	Age	Neutered?	Kept where?	Time in your care

**Are these animals current on their vaccinations?**  Yes  No

**If you have a dog, is it accepting of cats?**  Yes  No

**What precautions would you take to properly introduce a new cat into your home if you have other pet animals (a dog, bird, rabbit, another cat, etc.)?**

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**What will you do if your new cat does not get along with your current pets?**

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**Are you financially able and willing to provide annual checkups, vaccinations, and ANY medical care necessary?**  Yes  No

**Have you ever adopted an animal from a rescue/animal control agency?**  Yes  No

**Have you ever had an application rejected for adoption of an animal from a rescue/animal control facility?**  Yes  No **If yes, explain:**

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**Why do you want to adopt a cat?**

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**If a disciplinary or behavior problem arises, what steps will you take to work on it?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you agree to permit a CatSpan representative to visit your home/farm by appointment?**  Yes  No

**Before the adoption becomes final, you will be interviewed by an adoption counsellor and asked to read and sign the adoption contract. Do you agree?**  Yes  No

**By signing this form, I/we acknowledge that all information on this form is true and correct. I/we understand that any misrepresentation of fact may result in CatSpan refusing adoption privileges to me/us. If my/our request for adoption is approved and later CatSpan discovers the above information is not true or correct, CatSpan reserves the right to remove the adopted cat from my home.**

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

**CatSpan Ferals Registered Charity reserves the right to deny any application**