

Thank you for your interest in providing a life long home for one of our cats. The completion of this questionnaire is the first step toward what we hope will be many years of happiness for both you and our rescue cat. Once you have answered all of the questions, one of our volunteers will review your application and have a few follow-up questions to ask. **We do not respond to incomplete applications.**

What happens next depends. We may then:

- Ask for you to wait for 1 - 2 days before bringing your new feline home.
- Ask to schedule a home visit so we can gauge the personality of the pets you have at home.
- Ask to converse with your vet to review your current or previous pet's medical history.
 - We do verify health info with your vet.
- Approve your application.

Please remember that completing this application **does not guarantee** an adoption approval. We want the best match of personality, temperament and home environment for both the adoptive family and the cat. **We are looking out for the best interests of our cats.** We are the only voice that they have.

We know that so many different outcomes can be frustrating. Please understand that we want the best fit for you and the rescue cat.

If your application is approved, you will be asked to sign a legally binding contract when adopting your cat. The adoption fee is \$120 for a single cat and \$185 for two cats. This adoption fee covers a number of services to provide you with a healthy pet.

Medical	Stray or "Free" Cat		Fancy Cat	
	Male	Female	Adult	Kitten*
Sterilization	\$80 - \$200	\$136 - \$365	Altered prior to adoption	6 months or older
Feline Leukemia/FIV Combo test	\$39 - \$66	\$39 - \$66	Most cats are tested prior to adoption	Most kittens are tested unless Mom or sibling was tested
Rabies Vaccine	\$14 - \$35	\$14 - \$35	Vaccinated prior to adoption	Vaccinated at 14 weeks
Distemper (FVRCP or RCCP)	\$15 - \$39	\$15 - \$39	Vaccinated prior to adoption	Vaccinated at least twice prior to adoption
Office Visit	\$36 - \$58	\$36 - \$58	Medical attention given as needed	Medical attention given as needed
Deworming	\$45 - \$60	\$45 - \$60	Dewormed as needed	Dewormed as needed
Total:	\$229 - \$458	\$285 - \$623	Adoption Fee is \$120 for one cat, or \$185 for two cats.*	

***We do not adopt kittens singly without another young and/or playful dog or cat at home.**

The above totals do not include food, litter, post-operative drugs, and other routine expenses. *All adoption fees go directly towards providing medical care, food, litter and shelter for our rescued cats.* And, as you can see, the adoption fees do not even cover the costs of the care we provide each cat.

Once the paperwork has been completed and the adoption fee is paid, you will be able to take your new companion home. You do need to provide a carrier for transport. We may contact you after the adoption to follow up and ensure your cat is settling in well.

After your cat's adoption is completed, you are eligible for 30 days of ShelterCare insurance for your new pet at no charge - see www.sheltercare.com for more information. The policy will arrive to you via email within 10 days of your cat's adoption.

Conditions of adoption:

- You must have a valid identification showing your current address and your age.
- If you are renting, we will need a copy of your lease that shows that you are permitted to have a pet. If you own your home, we do 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.
- For the first 10 days: You must be willing to keep this cat separated and confined to one area; you must not expose your other animals in the home to this cat; and you must have the cat vet checked.
- You must be willing to provide a life-long commitment to the care and well being of your cat. If you are not prepared to make a lifetime (cats can live 15-20 years) commitment to an adoptive pet, please look elsewhere.
- Fancy Cats Rescue Team does not allow or disallow adoptions based on an individual's race, gender, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age or disability.
- Fancy Cats reserves the right to refuse the adoption of any cat without stating a reason.

Adoption Application Questionnaire

What is the name of the cat you are interested in adopting? _____

How did you hear about Fancy Cats?

- Walk-in at PetsMart Washington Post Ad Fancy Cats Web Site Petfinder.com
 Other (specify) _____

Name: _____	Driver's License #: _____
Street Address: _____	Date Moved in: _____
City & State: _____ Zip: _____	Landlord's Name: _____
Apartment No.: _____	Landlord's Phone: _____
Home Phone No.: _____	Employer Name: _____
Work Phone No.: _____	Employer Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____	Spouse's Name: _____

Does anyone in your household suffer from allergies (pet or otherwise)? Yes No Unknown

Is everyone in your household aware of and agreed upon adopting a pet? Yes No Not yet

How frequently do you travel either for business or pleasure? _____

What will you do with the cat while you are traveling? _____

For how many hours per day will your cat be left alone? _____

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"/> military	<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"/> mobile home
			<input type="checkbox"/> other pets	<input type="checkbox"/> dormitory
			<input type="checkbox"/> roommates	<input type="checkbox"/> other

Describe what you are looking for in a cat:

Gender	Age	Coat	Activity Level	Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> male	<input type="checkbox"/> baby	<input type="checkbox"/> short	<input type="checkbox"/> low	<input type="checkbox"/> indoor only
<input type="checkbox"/> female	<input type="checkbox"/> kitten	<input type="checkbox"/> medium	<input type="checkbox"/> medium	<input type="checkbox"/> outdoor only
<input type="checkbox"/> no preference	<input type="checkbox"/> teen	<input type="checkbox"/> long	<input type="checkbox"/> high	<input type="checkbox"/> indoor/outdoor
	<input type="checkbox"/> adult	<input type="checkbox"/> no preference	<input type="checkbox"/> very active	
	<input type="checkbox"/> no preference			
Other				
Personality & Characteristics				
<input type="checkbox"/> declaw	<input type="checkbox"/> playful	<input type="checkbox"/> aloof	<input type="checkbox"/> lap cat	<input type="checkbox"/> tolerant
<input type="checkbox"/> special needs	<input type="checkbox"/> affectionate	<input type="checkbox"/> shy	<input type="checkbox"/> naughty	<input type="checkbox"/> vocal
	<input type="checkbox"/> rambunctious	<input type="checkbox"/> lazy	<input type="checkbox"/> friendly	

Reasons for wanting cat:

- mouser breeding for kids house pet gift companionship other: _____

What will you feed the cat? _____

Who will be responsible for feeding the cat? _____ Cleaning the litter box? _____

Will you have the cat de-clawed? Yes No Undecided

Do you have a dog or cat door? Yes No

Adoption Application Questionnaire

Where will you keep your cat?

free access to house outdoors free access to outdoors in the barn other: _____

Under what reasons would you give up the cat?

moving illness scratching stealing food chewing hides for first week
 allergies biting spraying too active growling litter box problems
 compatibility with other pets destructiveness pregnancy/new baby
 other: _____

Please list the animals that have shared your home in the past 5 years:

Name	Breed Type	Sex	Age	Sterilized?	Tested for		Indoor, Outdoor	Declawed?	Still With you (if not why?)
					FIV	FeLV			

How much do you think it costs, per year, to own a cat? \$ _____

What will you do if the costs exceed this amount? _____

Do you know that the average cat can live for 15 - 20 years? Yes No

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

Veterinarian Contact Information for above animals			
Current:		Phone:	
Prior:		Phone:	

Do we have your permission to contact your vet(s) for a reference? Yes No

Have you ever adopted an animal? Yes No If yes, from where? _____

Have you ever surrendered an animal? Yes No If yes, please elaborate: _____

Have you ever been cited or convicted of a crime relating to animal cruelty, or do you have a charge pending? Yes No

I will allow a rescue representative to perform a pre-adoption home check? Yes No

I will allow a rescue representative to visit my home later to check on the animal I am adopting?
 Yes No

I am aware that the adoption fee for the cat/kitten I am considering is non-refundable? Yes No

We do not guarantee the health of any animals offered for adoption. Any time you adopt an animal, you should take it to a licensed veterinarian as soon as possible. Your animal is, to the best of our knowledge, healthy, but will need to be started immediately on a program of preventative veterinary care. Please be aware that the animals available for adoption are rescue animals and, as such, have often been exposed to a variety of diseases. Like human illnesses, these disorders can have an incubation period of up to several weeks. If the animal you adopt shows signs of illness at any point, you must take it promptly to your veterinarian for treatment at your expense. I have read & understand this disclaimer. _____ (initial)

By signing this application, I acknowledge that I have answered all questions truthfully. Failure to provide truthful answers can result in the forfeiture of your adopted pet to the Fancy Cats Rescue Team.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

While it is Fancy Cats' intention to find forever homes for our cats, we do recognize that sometimes-unforeseen events occur that cause the need to give up a cherished pet. Should something unforeseen occur, we don't ask, *we insist* that you return the cat to us. Many of our cats became Fancy Cats when we rescued them from death row at animal shelters, and there is nothing more heartbreaking than finding out that one of our cats has been surrendered to a shelter. That experience is traumatic for the cat and heart wrenching for us.

For this reason, we include a clause in the adoption contract that you must return the cat to us should you not be able to keep it, regardless of the reason. Just as you are bound to return the cat to us, we are also bound to accept the cat. This saves you from the stress of trying to find a new home for the cat, and it saves us from the heartbreak of finding out that one of our rescues is in danger of being euthanized at a shelter. Our goal is to find good homes for our cats, so please trust us to do so.

In the unfortunate event that you must return the cat, we ask you to contact us to make arrangements for the return. **PLEASE ALLOW US AT LEAST 10 DAYS TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR RETURNED CAT.** Bringing the cat back to a busy adoption event unannounced is stressful for the cat, particularly if we don't have a suitable cage prepared for him/her. Once the arrangements have been made, we ask that you also provide all medical records for the cat. If you can't find the records or the cat is not up-to-date on its medical work, we will ask for a donation to help cover our expenses. We are prohibited from adopting out adult cats that are not up-to-date on their vaccinations, so while it may seem like an inconvenience to find the paperwork for you, it is a very real expense for us.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Return Policy and understand that there are contractual penalties for non-compliance.

Signature: _____ Date: _____