



Pet Name: _____

Adoption Fee: _____

Employee/Volunteer Showing Pet/Conducting Introduction: _____

Adoption Application Please Print Clearly

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ WK Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Phone _____

Email _____

Drivers License # _____ DOB _____

Have you adopted from this shelter before? Yes No If yes, when? _____

Have you ever surrendered a pet to this or any other shelter before? Yes No If yes, please explain _____

How did you hear about us (circle all that apply): HSHC Website TV News Newspaper Pet Pals TV Facebook Radio HSHC Newsletter Friend/Referral Other: _____

Please Tell Us About Your Household

1. Housing: Own Home Own Condo Rent Apartment Rent House Live With Parents/Relative
 Subsidized Housing Trailer or Mobile Home College Fraternity / Sorority Housing

** Have You Discussed adopting an animal with your Landlord? Yes No

** Are there any breed and/or size restrictions in your lease or homeowners association covenants? Yes No

1a. Landlord's Name _____ Phone _____ How Long at this address: _____

1b. Are you planning to move any time soon? Yes No

2. Your Household consists of: Adults Only Live Alone Family with older children (over 10 years old)
 Family with young children (younger than 10 years old)

2a. There are _____ number of children living at this address. Their ages are _____

3. The activity level in your home is: Quiet Active Very Active

4. Do all members of your household know you plan to adopt a pet? Yes No

5. Is any member of your household allergic to animals? Yes No

6. Is this your first experience owning a pet? Yes No

7. Are you interested in adopting this animal for (check one): Yourself _____ Family _____ Someone Else _____

8. Please Check any and all of your reasons for wanting to adopt this pet:

Companion _____ Family Pet _____ Child's Pet _____ Companion for other pet _____ Watchdog _____

Mouser _____ Breeding _____ Other: _____

9. Who will be the primary caretaker of your new pet? _____

10. Do you have a fenced in yard? Yes No Type of fence _____

11. How will you confine your pet to your property? Fenced in Yard _____ Stake in Ground with Cable _____
Basement _____ Garage _____ Within my residence _____ Crate most of the day _____ Cable Run _____

12. This pet will be: Indoors only ____ Indoors and outdoors ____ Outdoors only ____
13. Where will this pet be kept during the day? _____
14. Where will this pet be kept at night? _____
15. What will you do with your pet when you go on vacation? _____
16. My Veterinarian is _____ Phone _____
17. What will you do with your pet if you have to move from your current dwelling? _____

18. Are you aware of the costs involved and your responsibility for the veterinary care, food, heartworm & flea/tick preventative, and the housing of this animal? _____ (SEE ATTACHMENT)

Are you willing to meet these costs? _____ If no, please explain: _____

19. If adopting a dog/cat, what training methods will you use to handle potential problems like meowing and/or barking, crate training issues, chewing, scratching, housebreaking, going outside the litter box, etc.?

20. I understand that by adopting this cat or dog I am expected to obtain the necessary training and medical care to ensure my pet is successful in his/her new home. I also understand that it can take several days, even weeks for shelter pets to transition into their new homes and that I will contact the HSHC should I have any behavioral or medical concerns that may arise. The HSHC offers a variety of resources and information to help with this transition. Initial _____

Please Tell Us About Your Pet History

1. Please check one: First time pet owner ____ Had pets while growing up ____ Had pets all my life ____

2. Please tell us about the pets you CURRENTLY own.

Type of Pet	Sex	Age	Spayed/Neutered	Kept Indoors or Outdoors	Vaccines Current	Years Owned
_____	M F	_____	Yes No	In Out Both	Yes No	_____
_____	M F	_____	Yes No	In Out Both	Yes No	_____
_____	M F	_____	Yes No	In Out Both	Yes No	_____

3. Please tell us about your PAST pets:

Type of animal Age Time Owned What Happened to Him/Her?

_____	_____	_____	Died of old age / Died of illness / Ran Away / Gave Away /Gave or Returned to Shelter
_____	_____	_____	Died of old age / Died of illness / Ran Away / Gave Away /Gave or Returned to Shelter
_____	_____	_____	Died of old age / Died of illness / Ran Away / Gave Away /Gave or Returned to Shelter

I understand that there is a \$35.00 NON-REFUNDABLE fee to place a hold on an animal. The hold fee will go toward the adoption fee of this animal and will stay in effect until 5pm the next day. Placing a hold on an animal does not guarantee the approval of this application or the adoption.

I certify that all of the above information is true, and I understand that giving false information or leaving out pertinent information on this application is grounds for denial of the adoption. I understand that the Humane Society for Hamilton County has the right and responsibility to deny any adoption for any reason and may request a 24-hour waiting period before the adoption is approved.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) Terms and Conditions of Adoption

Please read and initial that you have read and understand the terms and conditions set forth by HSHC.

_____ I understand that this adoption is final and there are no exchanges or refunds unless the requirements below are met. I further understand that by signing this agreement, I am required to return this animal to the HSHC if I can no longer care for or can no longer keep this animal for any reason.

_____ I understand that the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) makes NO GUARANTEES about the animal's health, age, temperament, breed or mental disposition.

_____ I accept this animal as is and assume all risks and responsibilities of pet ownership including but not limited to any injury or damage caused by the animal (e.g. animal bites) and any treatable medical conditions that should arise.

_____ I understand that this animal has not been examined by a veterinarian unless noted otherwise (see special needs) and that I am receiving a complimentary wellness exam with a Participating Veterinarian as part of my adoption package. I understand that HSHC is under no obligation to reimburse me for any medical treatment, expenses or fees incurred in connection with this animal.

_____ **Animals Already Spayed or Neutered:** I agree to take this animal to a Participating Veterinarian from the list provided by HSHC within (7) days of the adoption to redeem my complimentary wellness exam and Rabies vaccine which is required by state law. I understand that the exam certificate is only valid with a Participating Veterinarian and this certificate covers only a basic health exam. I understand that this certificate does not cover any additional medications, vaccinations (booster shots) or treatments this animal may need now or in the future.

_____ **Animals Not Yet Spayed or Neutered:** I understand that if the animal is not already spayed or neutered that the he/she will be dropped off at the Participating Veterinarian I choose on the day noted on my release form. My pet will receive a complimentary wellness exam prior to surgery and I may schedule an appointment with the Vet to redeem my complimentary Rabies vaccine which is required by State Law.

I understand that I am expected to pay for pre-surgical bloodwork for my pet if he or she is 1) estimated to be at least 5 years of age or 2) has existing medical issues that may put the animal at risk under anesthesia.

I understand I must contact the Veterinarian's office the day of my pet's surgery to determine when I should pick up my pet. It is possible that my pet may be kept overnight for observation. I further understand that if I do not pick up my pet by the close of business or time on the day indicated by the attending Veterinarian, and I have not contacted the Vet to make arrangements for doing so at an alternate time, that the animal will be considered "abandoned" and returned to the HSHC. The adoption will be considered null and void and no refund will be given.

_____ If this animal is diagnosed by a Veterinarian to have a terminal health condition, a full refund or exchange will be given up to 30 days following the adoption. Any claims for a refund must be accompanied by a written description of the animal's condition and must be signed by the attending Veterinarian.

_____ If this animal is diagnosed by a Veterinarian to have a costly (over \$250) or serious but treatable health condition within the seven (7) day vet visit requirement, an exchange may be made; however, no refunds will be provided. Any claims for an exchange must be accompanied by a written description of the animal's condition, the cost to treat this condition, and must be signed by the attending Veterinarian.

_____ I understand that I am receiving 30 days of free Pet Health Insurance which is being offered by a third party provider as a gift for adopting from our facility. Any claims, issues or communications regarding this insurance plan are to be settled between myself and the Pet Health Insurance provider. The insurance will not take effect until 48 hours after the adoption and it will not cover any pre-existing health conditions.

HSHC Terms and Conditions of Pet Ownership:

____ I agree to provide this animal with proper food, water and suitable living accommodations at my primary residence for so long as I shall maintain ownership. Suitable living conditions include but are not limited to:

- A. Shelter from the elements which keeps your pet cool in the summer, warm in the winter, and dry. Animals do get frost bite and heat stroke, so it is expected that special accommodations will be made to keep your pet safe and healthy during extreme weather conditions.
- B. Using a tie out or cable for your pet to have time outside to use the restroom is permitted but recommended with *supervision only*. Your pet should never be tethered for extended periods of time, especially in an area where they can get wrapped around furniture or other fixtures or potentially hang themselves (e.g. a deck).
- C. CHAINING DOGS OUTSIDE IS NOT PERMITTED.
- D. Your pet should be safely contained on your property per the guidelines set herein.

____ I agree to take this animal to a licensed vet for yearly preventative care or any other necessary medical care.

____ I agree that this animal will not be used for experimental, inhumane or illegal uses (e.g. dog fighting).

____ I agree to surrender ownership of this animal to a HSHC representative if the Humane Society determines that the animal's living conditions are not satisfactory, or if I am found in breach of any portion of this adoption Contract.

Additional Comments (Staff Only):

I have read and understand this contract and agree to all the terms and conditions of responsible pet ownership described herein.

Adopter's Signature _____

Date _____

HSHC Representative _____

Date _____

Terms and Conditions of Special Breed and/or Special Needs Adoptions ONLY:

Special Needs Description: _____

____ I understand that I am adopting a pet with special medical needs and I assume responsibility for any and all medical treatment that might result from this illness/injury now or in the future.

____ I understand that I am adopting a pet with special training/behavioral needs and I assume responsibility for providing the necessary training and will invest the time required to address these concerns.

Special Breed Description: _____

____ I am at least 21 years of age, a requirement for adopting a 'Special Breed' dog.

____ I understand that I am adopting a pet identified by the HSHC as a 'Special Breed' and that I have been counseled on the special needs, characteristics and training required for this breed.

____ I agree to NEVER chain or tether this animal outside as this can lead to protective behavior.

____ I have never been convicted or cited for animal cruelty nor has anyone in my household.

____ The information I have provided regarding my living arrangements and any breed restrictions at my residence (apartment lease, homeowners association) is truthful and accurate.

____ I understand that under no circumstances should this animal be used for dog fighting or be trained to be aggressive toward another animal or human being.

____ I understand that some insurance companies may not cover special breeds on my homeowners or renters policy.

____ I understand that if I cannot keep this animal for any reason that I am required to return him/her to the HSHC.

____ I understand that a home visit may be required for a Special Breed adoption.

Additional Comments (Staff Only):

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this Special Need/Breed Adoption and agree to all terms and conditions described herein.

Adopter's Signature _____

Date _____

HSHC Representative _____

Date _____



Congratulations On Your New Pet!

As you begin the journey of pet ownership, there are a few important considerations.

1. Your new pet will need lifelong preventative medical and dental care. It is advised to establish a relationship with a local Veterinarian. Every year your pet will need an examination, vaccinations, heartworm prevention, and flea/tick prevention. These yearly visits are essential in the overall health and longevity of your pet. Pets also get sick just like we do. From ear and urinary tract infections to more serious illnesses and conditions, your pet may require additional medical care above and beyond preventative care.

You should budget anywhere from \$200 to \$300 per year for healthcare and \$15 to \$20 per month for heartworm and flea prevention. This does not include food, toys, grooming, etc.

2. You will need supplies for your new pet such as a crate, carrier, litter box, kitty litter, bed, bowls, and toys, so please plan on \$50 to \$200 to get all of your supplies.
3. Your pet is currently eating Science Diet Brand food. You will receive a sample bag with your adoption. You're welcome to feed the brand of your choice, but we do recommend a good quality food like Science Diet to promote good health and a healthy coat. Please note that changing your pet's food may also cause a loose stool during the transition. What your pet eats makes a significance difference in their overall health and longevity. Be sure to budget accordingly for pet food.
4. As you first take your pet home, it is recommended to isolate from other pets for a short acclimation period (10-14 days). Contagious diseases may be incubating and could lead to your other pets becoming ill.
5. Puppies and kittens will require additional vaccinations after adoption. The HSHC provides only the first round of vaccinations for puppies and kittens unless noted otherwise. *This means that all booster shots are the responsibility of the pet owner.* Adult dogs may require additional vaccinations based on your lifestyle and activities. Please consider that cost prior to adoption.
6. All dogs need training & exercise. Providing your new pet with proper training will be critical to their success and your happiness. Puppies leave here a blank canvas. It is YOU who will determine whether this animal will be well behaved. Almost all behavioral issues can be addressed and resolved with time and patience. If you have any concerns regarding behavioral issues with your new pet, please call our office at (317) 773-4974.
7. We will register your pet's microchip in your name before he or she goes home. If you should ever move or change your phone number(s), YOU MUST contact the microchip company (24 Hour Pet Watch) to update your contact information. Hundreds of microchipped animals arrive at the shelter each year but with outdated contact information. This makes it virtually impossible for us to get them back home. A simple phone call will make sure this doesn't happen to your pet!

Recommendations for Heartworm/Flea&Tick Preventative:

Most people don't realize that Heartworm Disease is transmitted by a simple mosquito bite. Heartworms are fatal if left untreated and can cost over \$1,000 to treat. Preventing Heartworm Disease is much cheaper and, of course, the best thing for your pet. Products we recommend are Revolution (all in one solution), Advantage Multi (all in one solution), Sentinel (all in one solution), FrontLine (flea/tick), and HeartGard (heartworm). Flea collars do not prevent heartworms! Please see your vet for the solution that is best for your pet.

I have read and understand the costs and time requirement associated with responsible pet ownership.

Signature _____

Date _____