



Adoption Application  
Pennsylvania SPCA  
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This adoption application must be filled out completely by the head of household prior to selecting a pet for adoption. Please give this completed application to an adoption clerk in the adoption center. The reason you are being asked certain questions below is to ensure that your home and the pet you are interested in adopting will fit together. The purpose of the Adoption Center is to give homeless animals a second chance, but there are reasons why certain pets are not suitable for certain homes and we want to avoid the heartache that a mismatched adoption can bring about. You may be advised that certain conditions exist which make the pet you desire unsuitable for your home and we may advise another type of pet for your home or you may be told that until specific conditions are corrected we cannot adopt any pet into your home.

Remember, it is not in your family's best interests, nor the animal's, to take a pet into your home if it only leads to added stress rather than happiness. A pet is a long-term commitment. It will totally depend on you for its care every day for years to come. Do not adopt one of these animals if you are not prepared for this commitment!

While the initial cost of obtaining a pet may not be much, you must realize that over the course of a year the costs of food, litter, veterinary care, grooming, etc. can add up to a substantial amount, ranging from about \$200 to \$600 in the case of a dog or cat. You must consider these costs before making a decision to take on a pet. Also, you must consider that a pet adds to your responsibilities: you must take proper care of it and obey all laws regarding licensing, leashing, rabies control, abuse and neglect.

Additionally, all dogs and cats adopted from the PSPCA must be surgically sterilized. Dogs and cats that are not already sterile will be spayed or neutered at our facility before they can be taken home by the adopter, with the exception of very small kittens, which must be taken to a veterinarian within six weeks after adoption for the spay or neuter surgery. The fee you are paying today includes the cost of sterilizing the animal when the surgery is performed either at the PSPCA or at one of the veterinary offices from the list you will receive if your pet is too small for the surgery now. Only residents of Pennsylvania and its contiguous states are eligible to adopt from the Pennsylvania SPCA.

We are assuming that your answers to the questions below are truthful. However, if upon inspection it is discovered that you have misrepresented your situation, then the adoption will be refused or subsequently voided and the animal must be returned to the PSPCA.

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Please PRINT all information clearly. You must have an ID with name and current address with you to adopt. If not, please see the clerk before turning in this form.

Title: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. (Circle one)

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

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of pet are you looking for? Dog Cat Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the proper answer to each of the questions below:

Did you read and understand the statement at the top of this form? Yes No

Is this pet for you? Yes No

Are you at least 18 years of age?	Yes	No
Have you ever owned this type of pet?	Yes	No
Are you a college student?	Yes	No
If so, do you live at the college?	Yes	No
Do you live in a single-family dwelling?	Yes	No
Do you own or rent you residence?	Own	Rent
If you rent your home: Do you have permission from your landlord to own this type of pet?	Yes	No
Will you be at the same address in six months?	Yes	No
Will this pet be kept inside your home?	Yes	No
Will you feed it commercial pet food?	Yes	No
Will this be the only pet in your home?	Yes	No
Is everyone in your household over the age of ten?	Yes	No
Is anyone in your household allergic to pets?	Yes	No
Do you agree to have this dog or cat sterilized?	Yes	No
Is this the first time you have come to the PSPCA to adopt a pet?	Yes	No
Will there be someone home most of the time?	Yes	No
Have you ever turned in a pet to the PSPCA or to PACCA (Philadelphia Animal Control)?	Yes	No
Has any pet you owned died or disappeared in the last month?	Yes	No
If so, give details here: _____		
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What purpose will this pet serve?

<input type="checkbox"/> Personal companionship	<input type="checkbox"/> Guard dog in home yard or at business
<input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren)'s playmate	<input type="checkbox"/> Gift for another person
<input type="checkbox"/> Playmate for another pet	<input type="checkbox"/> Mouser
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

Sign your name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Do not write below this line -- for office use only

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Previous Adoption \_\_\_\_\_  
 Previous Surrender \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoption Declined At This Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reported Violator \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of ID \_\_\_\_\_  
 Landlord Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Issues Discussed:

<input type="checkbox"/> Activity Level/Toys/Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Adjustment Period
<input type="checkbox"/> URI/Parvo/Diseases	<input type="checkbox"/> Advised Obedience Training
<input type="checkbox"/> Housetraining	<input type="checkbox"/> Collar/Tags/Head Halter
<input type="checkbox"/> Crate Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Children with Pups and Kittens
<input type="checkbox"/> Clinic Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Introducing new pets to current pets
<input type="checkbox"/> Food/Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Separation anxiety

