



## **Cat Adoption Application**

If you are interested in adopting one of our rescue cats, please fill out this form to give us some information about you and your family. The information requested helps match prospective homes with the right pet, so please answer as fully as possible. We will get back to you shortly upon receipt of your application. Once applications are approved, we then follow up with a meet and greet of the cat(s) in their foster home. **All information provided will be kept strictly confidential!**

We are seeking good forever homes for our rescues, so if we don't actually know you, the only way we can ensure our rescues go to suitable, responsible and loving homes is to gather the information below. We want to avoid mismatches so that a pet is not "bounced" from home to home too many times.

### **Part I: Your Information**

This section provides us with your contact info and with relevant general information so that we can do our best to ensure the animal you adopt is best suited for your circumstances.

Name
Address
City/Prov/PC
Home & Cell Number
Email Address

<i>Number of adults over 18 years old in home:</i>	
Female	Ages
Male	Ages

<i>Number of children in home:</i>	
Girls	Ages
Boys	Ages

- Are you agreeable to a home visit? YES NO
- If no please explain why \_\_\_\_\_



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- Does anyone in the household have any animal allergies? YES NO NOT SURE
- If yes, have you discussed with your physician the risk of bringing a pet into the home? (Many animals are returned due to allergies, however, certain breeds do not impact allergy sufferers as much so this is helpful info in selecting the right breed for you.) YES NO
- How long have you been considering adding a cat(s) to your home? \_\_\_\_\_
- How much thought have you put into welcoming the pet you wish to adopt? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you carefully read all the needs/special traits of the cat(s) you wish to adopt? YES NO
- Please state any specific traits the cat(s) you wish to adopt should have \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you own or rent/lease your home? OWN RENT/LEASE
- If rent/lease, does the landlord allow you to have pets? YES NO UNSURE
- Landlord's name and number: \_\_\_\_\_
- What type of dwelling do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_
- How long have you lived at this residence? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you expecting a child or planning a family in the future? YES NO UNSURE
- If yes, will this affect the living situation of the animal you are wishing to adopt? YES NO
- If you plan on moving in the future what will happen to the cat(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you owned a cat before? YES NO
- Will you declaw the cat? YES NO
- If yes, please explain why \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you know the risks of declawing a cat? YES NO UNSURE
- Will the cat be indoors or outdoors? INDOORS OUTDOORS BOTH
- If allowed outdoors, will the cat be free to roam, be on a leash, or limited to a secured area?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If allowing cat outside please explain why you would let them outside \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you know the risks to allowing your cat outside? YES NO UNSURE



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- Where will the cat sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where will the cat be when home alone? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many hours a day will the cat be home alone? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where will your new cat stay upon first arriving at your home? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do you plan to get your new cat accustomed to your home? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you realize cats do not like change and it can take weeks sometimes months before they get accustomed and start showing their true personalities? YES NO
- How often will the litter box be cleaned? \_\_\_\_\_
- What feeding schedule will you use? FREE-FED ONCE-DAILY TWICE-DAILY OTHER
- How much time a day do you plan to play with your new pet? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do you plan to discipline your new cat(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
- What will you do with your cat(s) if you go on holiday? \_\_\_\_\_
- If you are no longer able to care for your cat what will you do? \_\_\_\_\_
- Has anyone in this household ever been charged and convicted of animal cruelty, abuse or neglect?  
YES NO UNSURE

## **Part II : Pet History**

This section gives us an overview of your previous history with pets. Lack of experience does not in any way mean you won't be approved, it just gives us an idea of your pet background so we have an understanding of how experienced the home our rescue may be going to is, and so we can offer any assistance if applicable.

- Have you ever had a pet before? YES NO
- Please list the species, how long you had it, what happened to it, if spayed/neutered, where obtained from:

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- Were any of your pet(s) rescues? YES NO
- Have you ever had to relinquish a pet to a shelter/rescue? YES NO
- If yes, please explain why \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Do you still own a pets? YES NO If yes, what pets do you still own? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What is the name & number of the veterinarian you use or plan to use for your new pet(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If you still own pets, when were they last vaccinated/seen by a vet? \_\_\_\_\_
- How often do you think a cat should see a vet? \_\_\_\_\_
- If your pet needs a special diet will you return the cat? \_\_\_\_\_
- If your pet developed a medical condition that required ongoing meds, would you return the cat? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How much do you plan to spend annually on your new addition(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Part III : Behavioural Issues**

- What will you do if your cat(s) begins to urinate/defecate outside the box? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What will you do if your cat(s) starts becoming aggressive? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- If your cat(s) develop a medical emergency how do you plan to deal with it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If your cat(s) starts scratching your furniture what will you do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What would be an unacceptable behaviour which would cause you to give your pet up? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## **Part IV : What Type of Pet**

This section helps us know what you are looking for in a pet.

- What type of animal do you wish to adopt? (circle all that are applicable)

Kitten    Adult Cat    Cat with kittens    Senior Cat    Special Needs Cat    Bonded Pair

Other Species/Comments \_\_\_\_\_

- GENDER:    Female    Male    Either

- Is there a specific pet at Dog Speed you wish to apply for? If yes, pet's name/species:

\_\_\_\_\_

- Why are you the best family for the above-noted cat(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Part V : Adopting a Rescue**

This section addresses the past issues that may affect the pet you are interested in.

- Are you aware that some of the rescue pets have been “bounced” from a number of homes/shelters or were abused and/or neglected?    YES    NO

Some rescues have never had a home before, may not be socialized or housetrained, and don't understand what is expected of them. This is the most frequent reason pets are returned to us - because people expect they will fit right in quickly – IT TAKES TIME FOR THEM TO FEEL SECURE AND LEARN YOUR ROUTINE.

- Are you prepared and willing to be patient and commit to helping the pet settle into your family routine, understanding it may take several months, even as long as a year, for some of them to truly become comfortable?    YES    NO
- Are you agreeable to returning the pet to Dog Speed should, due to unforeseen circumstances, you are no longer be able to keep the pet?    YES    NO
- Do you realize that cats can live to over 20 years - are you committed to providing responsible care for that long?    YES    NO    (if no, perhaps fostering might be an option - check out our website at [www.dogspeedanimalrescue.org](http://www.dogspeedanimalrescue.org) for details.)
- How did you find out about this cat(s) or Dog Speed? \_\_\_\_\_
- Your comments, suggestions or questions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## **Part V: References**

This section provides us with references, which we do contact. Again, if we don't know you, this is helpful in alleviating our concerns about the home our pet may be adopted to.

Please list three (3) references who can attest to your suitability as a pet owner and, more specifically, the owner of a rescue. These references should not be someone living within the home. Its preferable the last reference be a veterinarian who is familiar with you and your pets. If you've never had a pet before, please provide a third personal reference instead.

### **Reference #1:**

Name

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Address

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Home Phone & Cell

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Email

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### **Reference #2**

Name

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Address

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Home Phone & Cell

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Email

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### **Reference #3:**

Veterinary Clinic Name

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Veterinarian

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Address

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Phone

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Email

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All our rescues will be examined by a vet, provided any required medical care, spayed/neutered, microchipped and vaccinated prior to adoption. In addition, kittens will be dewormed, given the appropriate vaccinations due for their age, and administered a round of Revolution.

There is an adoption fee for all our animals - often we have spent exceedingly more on vetting our rescues (see our Adoption Fees addendum for fee amounts and an explanation of where the fees go). We are a Not-for-profit Registered Canadian Charity - all our members are unpaid volunteers.

To learn more about our rescue, we invite you to visit our website at [www.dogspeedanimalrescue.org](http://www.dogspeedanimalrescue.org)

THANK-YOU for considering a rescue pet! Not only are you giving a wonderful life to an unwanted, homeless and possibly abused or neglected pet, you are also helping reduce the market for pets for sale. That will help shut down puppy mills where the atrocities and living conditions for those animals are horrific, and will also reduce the market for backyard breeders, most of whom breed solely for profit without concern for genetics or temperament. You are actually saving two animals - the one you are adopting and the next homeless animal who gets that new foster spot with Dog Speed!

I, the undersigned, attest that to the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete and I understand that falsely provided information can mean that my application may be rejected. I further attest that I am at least 18 years old and that no one in this household has been charged and convicted of animal neglect, abuse or cruelty.

Print Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

### **THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY DOG SPEED:**

Specific animal Applicant interested in \_\_\_\_\_

Date Application received: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant contacted (date and by whom) \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Checks Completed: YES / NO

Home Check Completed: YES / NO

Veterinary Completed YES / NO

If no to any of the above, what remains to be done and when: \_\_\_\_\_