

ANIMAL ADOPTION APPLICATION

Perry County Humane Society

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Thank you for choosing to adopt from the Perry County Humane Society. We are a 501 (C) 3 non-profit, no-kill animal rescue. Your cooperation and time invested in completing this comprehensive application and questionnaire in its entirety are genuinely appreciated. This allows us to match/place the proper pet(s) with the right family in a much needed responsible, forever loving home. Please remember, an improper placement or one in which impacting details were not disclosed on an application may end tragically for the new pet. Therefore, please include and verify all information for accuracy before submission.

PCHS has a one hundred mile adoption radius limit for potential adopters. In the past, we have had issues with newly adopted pets not being returned due to distance. They often end up in an animal control where we have to retrieve the pet.

Even now, unfortunately, not all shelters are no-kill facilities and 64% of all animals that end up at these shelters are still put to sleep for lack of homes. So, if you feel distance will become a factor for compliance (should placement not work out as planned and you must return your newly adopted pet to us) consider please adopting from a shelter closer to your residence.

Remember completing the application accurately, in its entirety, and considering all involved variables prior to the adoption of your new pet is a must. Adopting is a lifetime commitment.

Tail wags, and kitty hugs await a loving responsible forever home – so get that good pen ready, grab a cup of hydration and *LET THE ADOPTION PROCESS BEGIN!*

NAME OF ANIMAL(S) INTERESTED IN ADOPTING: _____

Why did you choose this particular animal?

TODAY'S DATE: _____

❖ Please understand:

- For an application **to be processed**, it must be **completed in its entirety**.
- Your signature on this adoption application denotes agreement with the terms set forth as contract with the Perry County Humane Society. Therefore, if you are approved for an adoption of an animal and for any reason are unable to keep your pet(s), by law, you will be required to return the adoptee to the Perry County Humane Society.

I. WHO ARE YOU?

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Applicant's age: _____

Marital Status: _____ Married _____ Single _____ Domestic Partnership

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone number(s):

Daytime: _____ Evening: _____ Cell: _____

Place of employment: _____

Spouse/Partner's place of employment: _____

Email address: _____

❖ *Please verify any/all numbers provided for accuracy. PCHS representatives look forward to contacting you regarding your adoption desire. Thank you.*

II. HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION:

Number of persons in household:

Adults: _____ Age(s): _____

Children: _____ Age(s): _____

Do other children visit your home? Yes or No

If yes, please list their ages. _____

Are you planning a family or expecting? _____

Is anyone in the household allergic to animals (cats/dogs)? Yes or No

III. RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

Type of dwelling:

_____Home _____Apartment _____Trailer _____Condo _____Duplex _____Other

How long have you lived at this residence? _____

Do you own your residence? Yes or No

How many rooms are in you residential dwelling? _____

If renting your residence:

Landlord's name: _____

Phone number: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

When is the best time to contact your landlord? Daytime or Evening

Square footage of rental residence: _____

Name on lease? _____

If you move, what do you plan to do with your pet(s)? _____

Will you permit a Perry County Humane Society Representative to visit your home?
Yes or No

IV. NEW PET EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

❖ Please recognize:

- Pets can take up to a month to adjust to their new home, particularly if other pets are involved.

Are you willing to allow your new pet adequate time to adjust to your home prior to returning him/her by law to the Perry County Humane Society? Yes or No

Are you willing to devote the time needed to aid in this adjustment? Yes or No

Are you willing to care for your adopted pet for the remainder of its life? Yes or No

What steps are being taken to ensure all persons in your household are educated in proper pet ownership, safe pet care, and positive rewarding interactions?

Who will be responsible for feeding the new pet? _____

Who will be responsible for behavioral training? _____

Have you ever used or do you ever plan to use a training collar? Yes or No

If yes, which type? _____

V. NEW - ADOPTION:

Please list three (03) non-family references:

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- | | | |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1. Name: _____ | Phone: _____ | Relationship: _____ |
| 2. Name: _____ | Phone: _____ | Relationship: _____ |
| 3. Name: _____ | Phone: _____ | Relationship: _____ |

If you are a first time pet owner, please provide a brief explanation why you have not previously owned a pet(s) and are now interested in adopting.

How long have you been considering adopting a new pet? _____

What qualifies you to be a good pet owner?

What concerns, if any, does your family have about adopting a new pet?

Have you ever applied with another rescue/shelter? Yes or No

If so, which one(s)?

Have you, in the past, ever returned an animal to a shelter or surrendered one to a pound? Yes or No

If yes, please explain. _____

Have you or anyone in your household been arrested/convicted of a crime regarding an animal? Yes or No

If yes, please explain. _____

VI. HISTORY – VETERINARY CARE - PREVIOUS PET(S) (the last 10 years):

❖ For accuracy, please:

- verify any phone numbers provided
- include **all** veterinary information for pets in the last 10 years
 - veterinarian(s) name(s) and telephone number(s)
- include the name on the account(s) at the veterinary office in the last 10 years, especially if your name has changed
- list any and all pets you have owned in the last 10 years
- to prevent any confusion, please state if any of your pet(s) in the last 10 years are deceased, where re-homed, surrendered, lost custody, etc... this will aid the Perry County Humane Society representative confirming given information when contacting your veterinarian
- if your pet(s) still resides with you, please do not list them in the Previous Pet(s) section rather list them in the current pet section

Previous Veterinarian(s):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Name(s) on account: _____

Previous Veterinarian(s):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Name(s) on account: _____

List all previous pet(s):

Name: _____ Gender: ____ Age: ____ Breed: _____

Living now: _____

Name: _____ Gender: ____ Age: ____ Breed: _____

Living now: _____

Name: _____ Gender: ____ Age: ____ Breed: _____

Living now: _____

Name: _____ Gender: ____ Age: ____ Breed: _____

Living now: _____

How long were your pet(s) a part of your family? _____

Were your pet(s) kept indoors or outdoors? _____

When home alone, where did your pet(s) stay? _____

Were all of your previous pets spayed/neutered? Yes or No

Where did you adopt/get your pet(s)? _____

If deceased, please list the cause of death. _____

Have you ever surrendered a pet/found a new home for one of your pet(s)? Yes or No

If yes, please explain. _____

VII. VETERINARY CARE - CURRENT PET(S):

❖ Please note:

- **If veterinary information is not provided, your application will not be processed.**
- Your pet(s) medical history is required; a Perry County Humane Society representative will confirm vaccinations and spay and/or neutering.
- If you have changed veterinarians, at any time while owning your current or previous pets, please make sure to list that information on page 6.

Current Veterinarian(s):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Name(s) on account: _____

Current Veterinarian(s):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Name(s) on account: _____

List all current pet(s):

Name: _____ Gender: ____ Age: ____ Breed: _____

Name: _____ Gender: ____ Age: ____ Breed: _____

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Name: _____ Gender: ____ Age: ____ Breed: _____

If current pet(s) are not spayed/neutered, please explain why:

Do your current pet(s) live indoors or outdoors? _____

Where did you adopt/get your current pet(s)? _____

What activities/exercise do you participate in with your pet(s)? _____

What brand of food do you feed your pet(s)? _____

What type of flea control do you use on your pet(s)? _____

What type of heartworm preventive do you use?

When home alone, where do your pet(s) stay? _____

Have any of your pet(s) displayed aggressive behaviors toward other animals or people? Yes or No

Please explain: _____

Have you attended obedience classes with your current pet(s)? _____

VIII. NEW PET CARE INFORMATION:

What brand of food will you feed your new pet? _____

Which veterinarian will your new pet see for medical care? _____

Will you agree to keep your pet on heartworm preventative (for dogs) and flea preventative (for dogs and cats)? Yes or No

Will you agree to annually keep your pet(s) up-to-date on all required routine vaccinations? Yes or No

What will you do if an emergency or general medical care for your new pet exceeds \$1000.00?

A. CATS ONLY

Is the purpose of adopting a cat to gift it to someone? Yes or No

Where do you plan to keep your new cat(s)? Primarily indoors or outdoors

Where will he/she be during the day, at night, sleep, and stay while you are at work, or away from home for an extended period of time? (Please be specific.)

If indoors:

If outdoors:

Describe how your new cat would spend his/her day?

What sort of discipline will be used for problem behaviors?

How would you address the following behavior issues?

Chewing: _____

Scratching _____

Hissing: _____

Spraying: _____

Generally speaking what type of temperament are you looking for in a cat?

What are your training objectives and what amount of time per week do you anticipate devoting to meet these objectives?

How do you plan to housebreak your pet? _____

Will any family members assist in training/housebreaking? Yes or No

If yes, who? _____

B. DOGS ONLY

Why are you considering adopting a dog(s)?

___ companionship ___ family member ___ gift to a family member

___ guarding ___ hunting ___ gift to a friend/nonfamily member ___ other

Where do you plan to keep your new dog(s)? Primarily indoors or outdoors

Where will he/she be during the day, at night, sleep, and stay while you are at work, or away for an extended period of time? (Please be specific.)

If indoors:

If outdoors:

Describe how your new dog(s) would spend his/her day?

Do you plan to crate your animal? Yes or No

Why or Why not? _____

Approximately how large is your yard? _____

Is your yard securely fenced? Yes or No

If yes, what type of fence and how tall? _____

If no, will you fence it if you adopt a dog? Yes or No

If your yard is not fenced, how do you plan to ensure he/she receives safe and adequate exercise? _____

Will you be able to devote daily time to adequately walk your new dog for proper exercise? Yes or No

How would you rate your activity level? ___High ___Moderate ___Low

B. DOGS ONLY CONTINUED

What is your definition of disciplining your dog?

What sort of discipline will be used for problem behaviors?

How would you address the following behavior issues?

Aggressive behavior: _____

Barking: _____

Chewing _____

Digging: _____

Growling/Snapping (not biting): _____

Jumping: _____

Generally speaking what type of temperament are you looking for in a dog?

What are your training objectives and what amount of time per week do you anticipate devoting to meet these objectives?

How do you plan to housebreak your pet? _____

Will any family members assist in training/housebreaking? Yes or No

If yes, who? _____

Are you likely to enroll your dog(s) in obedience class? Yes or No

I, the undersigned attest the above information is accurate and complete at the time of signing. I understand providing false information will cause my application to be denied. If my application is being submitted on the Perry County Humane Society's website, I understand that by typing my name on-line my signature is considered binding on this document.

I also understand that submission of this application with my signature does not guarantee my application will be approved. The strict guidelines set by the Perry County Humane Society must be and will be adhered to in order to provide the best possible forever homes for the animal(s).

To complete the application process in person or by mail, please sign and date below:

Signature

Date

Note: Perry County Humane Society will contact you as soon as possible. Please be patient, Perry County Humane Society is a volunteer based organization.

Thank you!

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