



## SPCA of Southwest Michigan

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### Adoption Application

The first step in the process of adopting a pet from the SPCA is to complete this application. It provides information that enables us to assist you in the selection of a pet. Together, we will be able to determine if the adoption is in the animal's best interest, and the process ensures that you will find an animal well-suited to your lifestyle. **Please provide detailed information for all questions.**

Our adoption fee includes the cost for vaccinations and other medical care; the spaying or neutering of the pet; and an adoption service charge. If the pet you have chosen has not yet been spayed or neutered, you may be able to take it home with you, but this will require you to sign an Early Release agreement with the SPCA, a binding legal document that commits you to sterilization of the pet at an age-appropriate time.

To be considered as an adopter, you must:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Have a valid driver's license or state Identification Card stating your current address
- Have the knowledge and consent of a landlord, if relevant
- Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide medical treatment, proper nourishment and care, and training for a pet

#### Name of the pet you are interested in:

#### Personal Information

**Please note: We reserve the right to refuse adoption to anyone. No animal will be adopted to persons who mislead or fail to provide accurate information on the adoption application.**

Name:

Date:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Spouse/Partner/Roommate Name:

Email Address:

Your age

ID/Driver's License #

#### Employment Information

Are you currently (check all that apply):  Employed full time  Employed part time  Unemployed

Student  Retired  Other, please explain:

If employed, name of employer                      job title/line of work

If a student, where?

## Family Information

How many adults live in your home other than yourself? Please list names and ages:

How many children live in your home? Please list names and ages:

Are ALL members of your household aware of and in agreement with this adoption? If not, please list who is not in favor of the adoption and the nature of their concern or objection:

## Home Information

Do you  own or  rent your home?  House?  Condo?  Mobile?  Apartment?

If you rent, landlord's name and telephone number: (this is required information if you rent, you may call us with this information if necessary)

If you rent, are you familiar with your landlord's pet policy?  Yes  No If yes, what is it?

DOGS – Do you have a fenced yard?  Yes  No If yes, what type of fence and how high?

## Adoption Information

What is the reason you wish to adopt this animal? (Check all that apply):

- Love animals, want to help an animal in need
- Companionship
- My children will learn how to be responsible/care for another creature
- Want to breed
- Looking for guard dog for property
- Looking for mouser/rodent control for home, garage, barn, or other building
- Feel sorry for the animal
- The animal is so cute, and I just can't leave it behind
- Gift for someone. If gift, for whom? \_\_\_\_\_

## Vet Care

Are you willing to provide regular vet care for your new pet?  Yes  No

What is your cost estimate of annual routine vet care for the animal you plan to adopt?

Do you agree to have regular check up's for your animal, including all vaccinations?  Yes  No

Can you afford regular vet care for your new pet?  Yes  No

Who is your current or past veterinarian?

Would you allow us to speak with your vet to obtain information on the health care of your animals?  Yes  No

## Current and Past Pets

What animals do you CURRENTLY own? List all. Exclude fish.

Animal Name	Type of Animal	Where Obtained?	How Old?	Spayed/Neutered?

Are your current pets spayed or neutered?  Yes  No If no, why not?

Do your current pets wear identification tags?  Yes  No If no, why not?

Are your current dogs licensed?  Yes  No If no, why not?

Are your pet's vaccinations current?  Yes  No If no, why not?

If dog(s), heartworm preventive?  Yes  No If no, why not?

If cat(s), have they been tested for feline leukemia?  Yes  No  Unsure

Please tell us about the animals you have owned IN THE PAST, who are no longer with you.

Animal Name	Type of Animal	How Old?	Deceased?	If alive, where and why

Please tell us about the animal's weekly schedule as it relates to your schedule. Which hours during the day will your pet routinely be home alone? For example, if everyone is at work between 8 – 4 on Monday, you would write 8 – 4 in the Monday box.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Do you believe you and your family will have adequate time for the dog or puppy you plan to adopt?

Yes  No. Many people return adopted pets to us after a short time because they "don't have enough time for it." We want to make sure you are realistic about how much time and attention a dog requires. We also want you to realize that a bored dog or puppy, left alone too much, can exhibit undesirable behavior, such as chewing, barking, etc.

If you are adopting a puppy, will you be able to make arrangements for the puppy to go outside every four hours or so during the day?  Yes  No

When inside, how do you plan to keep your pet? Check all that apply:

Free inside house  Confined to crate  Inside a closed room

When/if outside, how do you plan to keep your pet? Check all that apply:  N/A, indoors only

Tie-out chain  Garage  Patio area  Invisible fence  Fenced yard

Outside dog run  Leash and regular walks  Loose in yard unattended

Other, please explain:

Where will your pet be kept during the day?                      At night?

### Training and Behavior

How will you introduce your new pet to any existing pets?

How do you plan to handle undesirable behavior, such as chewing, accidents in the house, spraying, scratching furniture, excessive crying/barking, getting onto countertops?

If adopting a dog, will you consider taking your dog to training classes?  Yes     No

If adopting a dog, what type of exercise will it receive and how often?

If adopting a cat, do you intend to declaw immediately, wait to determine if declawing seems necessary, train to use a scratching post, discourage scratching through behavior modification such as a squirt bottle, other (please explain)?

### Responsibility

Who will be primarily responsible for the care of the pet?                      How old is this person?

If your animal(s) were to survive you, who or what (such as a will) would ensure that they would not be taken to the pound for disposal?

Have you ever taken one of your pets to the pound?                      If yes, why?

How long will you keep the pet you are planning to adopt?

If you move in the future, what will you do with the animal you plan to adopt?

If you are no longer able to keep the animal you adopt, do you agree that you must either return the animal to the SPCA or find a suitable new home for it and notify the SPCA of the change in ownership?  Yes     No

Furthermore, do you agree that if you cannot keep the animal you adopt, you must house this animal until a suitable new home is available or until foster home space opens up in the SPCA?  Yes     No

The above statements are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_