

# HALF-WAY HOME Animal Rescue Application / Contract for Adoption

**NOTE: AS A RESCUE – WE CANNOT GUARANTEE “HEALTH, BEHAVIOR OR BREEDING” – ADOPTIONS ARE “AS IS”**

Thank you for considering the adoption of an animal from Half-Way Home Animal Rescue (HWHAR). WE MUST be assured that the pet you wish to adopt is best suited for you - we require the following questions be answered fully and honestly.

**Please NOTE: If application is not legible – we will not contact you**

**Please hand in Application at an Adoption Event < OR >**

**Email to [Info@hwhanimalrescue.com](mailto:Info@hwhanimalrescue.com) < OR > Fax to 312-705-8711**

How did you hear about our Group:

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook \_\_\_\_\_

PetFinder \_\_\_\_\_

Referral \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **Rules of Adoption / POLICY**

1. All animals adopted MUST be **spayed/neutered** & stay up to date on all vaccines for their entire lifespan (includes **heart worm preventative for the lifespan of the canines**)
2. **ALL ADOPTERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE NEW PET TO OWN VET WITHIN 7 DAYS-THEN FAX PROOF OF PURCHASED (6 MONTH OR 12 MONTH) CANINE HEART-WORM PREVENTATIVE TO RESCUE.**
3. Be financially able to provide for the needs of the animal(s).
4. Have adequate time and facilities to care for the animal(s).
5. Have the consent of all adults residing in the household and be at least **21** years of age.
6. Be aware that few animals are perfect; be prepared to give PET(S) time to adjust/transition into its new environment.
7. This IS AN ADOPTION; we reserve the right to postpone or refuse any adoption that is not in the best interest of any animal.
- 8 **Understand - you are adopting a pet 'AS IS'. HWHAR offers no guarantees on Pet(s) health, breeding and behavior.**
9. **ALL ADOPTION FEES ARE FINAL & FORFEITED AT TIME OF ADOPTION. NO REFUNDS.**

TODAYS DATE \_\_\_\_\_

If you want to adopt more than 1 pet - please mark

Pet 1<sup>st</sup> Choice (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Color/Description \_\_\_\_\_

Pet 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Color/Description \_\_\_\_\_

Pet 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Color/Description \_\_\_\_\_

## **Adopter Information (Please Print and make sure all info is clear and legible)**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License / State ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address & Apt-Condo# (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please be LEGIBLE and PRINT CLEARLY your Email – If we cannot read it – you will not be contacted)*

Have you ever adopted from our organization before? \_\_\_\_\_

**YES**

**NO**

If Yes, When and What Type & Name of Pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Part of our commitment to successful adoptions, we keep in touch with Adopters. Do you object to a HWHAR rep contacting you at your home? **YES / NO** If yes; then why? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Household Facts (please circle all that apply):**

Do you have children who live with you - under the age of {{(15) Yes/No} {(Age 10) Yes / No} {(Age 5) Yes / No} } { Do Children visit? Yes / No }

Rate your household activity level: **Quiet / Active / Hectic**

Do you live in a: House (Own or Rent or Live with Parents) / Apartment / Condo / Mobile Home / Other

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Do you have a fenced-in Yard: **YES** / **NO** -> If Yes > Aprox Size: **SM / Med / Lrg** or # or Acres \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Pet History and Experience** What is your Experience with Pets (Check All That Apply)

First time pet owner \_\_\_\_\_ First time dog owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 dog as child \_\_\_\_\_ First time cat owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 cat as child \_\_\_\_\_ Currently have: \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ Cats

How much do you expect to spend on veterinary care for your new pet in the next year?

**Please list the animals YOU HAVE BEEN FINANICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR and have lived with you in the past (5) Five years**

If you have/had pets - If you do not complete this section with all information requested – we cannot process your application

Pet TYPE(s) Name(s) and Breed	Spayed/Neutered	Age of Pet	REQUIRED Vet Clinic Name, City & Phone #	Still Have	Ownership Length
<i>EXAMPLE</i> CAT / "MOLLY"	<b>YES or NO</b>	<i>EXAMPLE</i> 14 YEARS	<i>EXAMPLE</i> MIDWEST ANIM HOSP. 708-123-4567	<b>Y / N</b>	<i>EXAMPLE</i> 12 YRS
	<b>YES or NO</b>			<b>Y / N</b>	
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What personality traits are you looking for in your new pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you keep your pet during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ at night? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will the pet be without human contact during day? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of protection and shelter do you have outside for your pet? N/A or Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any behavior problems that you feel would be unable to live with? **YES / NO**

If yes; please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you adopting? (Circle what applies)** Companion for Self / Companion for another Animal  
 Pet for Child / Protection / Mouser-Barn Cat / Hunting Dog / Office Pet / Gift for Another

Do you have a certain type of cat or dog in mind? **Yes / No** If yes; describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on de-clawing your cat? **Yes / No / Unsure**

**How much time do you have to interact with your new pet? (Circle what applies)** Will be at home or work w/me  
 Minimal interaction during week      Lots of time on the weekends      Will be my constant companion at home

**CAT/KITTENS:** How will you resolve problems such as clawing on furniture or failure to use litter box?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**DOG/PUPPIES** How will you resolve problems such as behavior issues, chewing or house-training issues?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

How will pet get exercise: (CAT) \_\_\_\_\_

(DOG – Circle what applies) Leash Walks / Running Loose / Fenced in Yard / Tie Out (lead)

**Your adopted pet(s) is REQUIRED to be seen by a veterinarian w/in (7) days of adoption–Do you agree? YES/NO**

**ADOPTER AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS FOR THE ADOPTED ANIMAL:**

To be filled out by RESCUE: The Adopter pays Non-Refundable adoption fee (DONATION) of \$\_\_\_\_\_. HWHAR Initials: ( )

**ALL ADOPTION FEES ARE FINAL & FORFEITED AT TIME OF ADOPTION. NO REFUNDS IF PET IS RETURNED**

The Adopter shall take the animal to veterinarian within seven (7) days of the date of this Agreement for a checkup, shots, and medication recommended by the veterinarian as well as immediately purchasing monthly heart-worm preventative – **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO EMAIL or FAX (WITHIN 7 DAYS) PROOF OF PURCHASE OF A 6 MONTH OR 12 MONTH SUPPLY OF HEART WORM PREVENTATIVE TO RESCUE (FOR CANINES ONLY)**. HWHAR makes no representations or warranties as to the breeding, health, welfare or behavior of the animal. Adopter shall provide the animal with necessary veterinary care upon sickness, disease, or injury, and shall take it to a veterinarian at least once a year for an annual health examination, bloodwork and routine vaccinations-including Heart-Worm Preventative. **Adopter shall keep all pets in the home. Dogs must be on heart-worm preventative for the life span of the animal.**

**SPAY/NEUTER:** If not already spayed/neutered, Adopter shall have the animal spayed/neutered no later than ninety (90) days from the date of this Agreement-or-when pet is of proper age (6 months of age). \*Spay/Neuter is included in the adoption fee/donation. In order to have your new pet spayed/neutered **Contact us via email only [info@hwhanimalrescue.com](mailto:info@hwhanimalrescue.com)**. We will schedule/pre-pay for spay/neuter. Note: \*This will only be done at a location of the rescue's choosing. If adopter chooses to take pet to alternate vet, then cost of spay/neuter will be at adopters own expense (We do not reimburse). If adopter makes own appointment at a rescue approved clinic, rescue will not cover the cost of surgery. **Please note that the location of rescue selected clinic is subject to change.** And any Changes or Cancellations must only be done by Rescue.

Adopter shall provide animal with humane care; maintain in accordance with all current/future state, county, municipal laws and ordinances where Adopter resides (animal shall reside at the Adopter's address). The Adopter must provide a collar and identification tag for animal to wear at all times; provide food, water, shelter, veterinary treatment throughout its lifetime.

The Adopter shall provide animal with fully fenced yard or other humane means of exercise. The animal shall not be kept constantly chained or left outside without human supervision. The Adopter shall keep the animal as a household pet and not use pet for breeding or exclusively as a guard dog; adopter never will leave the dog unattended in a car.

Adopter understands that animals are unpredictable. Therefore, waive and release all claims, past, present, and future, against HWHAR, its officers and staff, for any damages and/or injuries to persons or property which arise from ownership of this animal.

The Adopter agrees that it is the Adopter's responsibility to accept and adopt the animal "As-Is". The adopter understands that HWHAR and its representatives have limited information regarding the health, temperament or habits of the animal adopted. HWHAR will not provide lifetime care for any adopted pet due to illness, breeding, behavior, or any other reason.

HWHAR may make inquiries and/or examine adopted pet at any time. If rescue determines that the adopter is not providing adequate food, shelter, veterinary care or is otherwise in breach of any of obligations herein, rescue shall be entitled to take the adopted animal back and make arrangements for the dog's care and re-adoption – with no refund of fees given.

**If Adopter cannot keep adopted animal, Adopter shall notify HWHAR immediately.** The animal shall not be sold, transferred, relinquished or given to any individual or retail or wholesale establishment for the purpose of sale/resale to public or any research institution where medical experimentation or other practices take place. HWHAR shall be notified that the pet cannot be kept in original adopter's care immediately. **IF A PET IS RETURNED** and HWHAR has taken physical custody of animal(s) and assumes all present and future expenses of adopted animal, regardless of a signed relinquishment form, the adopter is forfeiting all current/future rights to said pet. Adopter also agrees to forfeit all amounts paid to Half-Way Home Animal Rescue should a breach of the Adoption Contract occur. Any FEES already paid to HWHAR will be CONSIDERED A DONATION to the rescue, and the **Adoption Fee WILL NOT BE REFUNDED**. If any fees, including but not limited to attorney fees, court costs, transportation/gas fees, are incurred to recover the pet, the costs shall be the burden of the adopter and legal action can be pursued by Half-Way Home Animal Rescue to recoup any additional costs. ALL PETS Returned (must be up to date w/proof) on all vaccines & heart worm prevention.

I declare that the information I have provided in this application is complete and correct. I further declare that I have read and understand the entirety of this contract and that I am financially and physically able to care for a rescued pet. I understand that proper food and veterinarian care may be costly, and I am able and willing to meet the needs of my adoptive pet. **I understand that I am adopting this pet "As-Is" – that there is no guarantee of the pet's health, breeding or behavior and all future care is at my own (adopters) expense.** I understand the requirements and grant permission for Home Checks at random both prior to and following adoption. I submit that if the Adoption Application or the Home Check reveals falsification or misrepresentation of any facts on my part, HWHAR reserves the right to either refuse adoption or to nullify the adoption and reclaim said pet from my premises, without reimbursement of the adoption donation. I release Half-Way Home Animal Rescue from any liabilities I may incur from the adoption process. If I am adopting a feline – I agree to not 'declaw' – If I do, I understand that the feline will be removed from my care and relinquished back to HWHAR at any time and no refund will be given.

Adopter(s) Signature(s)

Date