

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.

How did you hear about us
Website _____
Facebook _____
PetFinder _____
Referral _____
Other _____

Please NOTE: If application is not legible – we will not contact you
Please Email to Info@hwhanimalrescue.com

Rules of Adoption / POLICY

- 1. All animals adopted MUST be spayed/neutered & remain up-to-date on vaccines for entire lifespan (includes heart worm preventative for the lifespan of canines)
2. ALL ADOPTERS REQUIRED to take pet to own vet w/14-days (email proof of purchased heartworm prevention).
3. Be financially able to provide for the needs of the animal(s) and have adequate time and facilities to care for the animal(s).
4. Have the consent of all adults residing in the household and be at least 21 years of age.
5. Be aware that few animals are perfect; be prepared to give PET(S) time to adjust/transition into its new environment.
6. This IS AN ADOPTION; we reserve the right to postpone or refuse any adoption that is not in the best interest of any animal.
7 Understand - you are adopting a pet 'AS IS'. HWHAR offers no guarantees on Pet(s) health, breeding and behavior.
8. 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 1st Choice (Name) _____ Color/Description _____
Pet 2nd Choice (Name) _____ Color/Description _____
Pet 3rd 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? _____

Per our commitment to successful adoptions; Do you object to HWHAR contacting you at your home? YES / NO
If yes; then why? _____

Household Facts (please circle all that apply) MUST ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS:

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
Do you have a fenced-in Yard: YES / NO -> If Yes > Aprox. Size: SM / Med / Large or # or Acres _____

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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
<small>EXAMPLE</small> CAT / "MOLLY"	<small>YES or NO</small>	<small>EXAMPLE</small> 14 YEARS	<small>EXAMPLE</small> MIDWEST ANIM HOSP. 708-123-4567	<small>Y / N</small>	<small>EXAMPLE</small> 12 YRS
	YES or NO			Y / N	
	YES or NO			Y / N	
	YES or NO			Y / N	
	YES or NO			Y / N	
	YES or NO			Y / N	

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 veterinarian w/in (14) days of adoption: 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

	FEES – DOG ADOPTIONS	FEES – CAT ADOPTIONS
If pet(s) ARE sterilized/chipped at time of adoption	\$375.00 - Up to 85 lbs \$475.00 – 86 lbs and Up	\$175.00
If pet(s) are NOT sterilized/chipped at time of adoption	\$300.00	\$125.00

**Note: Adoption fees are subject to change at any time (pricing is determined by medical care & conditions, misc. shelter/pull fees, etc.)*

If pets ARE NOT sterilized / chipped at time of adoption, adopter is required by law (225 ILCS 605/3.3) to have sterilizing and microchipping procedures performed within 14 days after a licensed veterinarian certifies the dog/cat is healthy enough for these procedures. If pet is not healthy enough, this must be noted in your medical chart with that clinic.

The Adopter shall take the animal to a veterinarian within (10) days of adoption for; checkup, shots, medication recommended by veterinarian (+ monthly heart-worm preventative for dogs) YOU ARE REQUIRED TO EMAIL PROOF OF PURCHASE OF A 6 MONTH OR 12 MONTH SUPPLY OF HEART WORM PREVENTATIVE. HWHAR makes no representations/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.

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 always wear; provide food, water, shelter, veterinary treatment throughout its lifetime. 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 will not leave pet unattended in a car.

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. 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.

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 Fees 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