



SHELTER ANIMAL RESOURCE ALLIANCE

CAT ADOPTION APPLICATION

This application is designed to assist both you and us in determining if your household is prepared to assume the role of responsible caretaker for a shelter cat. Not everyone who desires to adopt a cat is ready to properly care for one. **Please note that applying does not ensure approval. S.A.R.A. reserves the right to refuse adoptions to anyone.** No animal will be adopted to prospective guardians who mislead or fail to provide accurate information on this adoption application. **Please answer all questions completely.**

Please Print Legibly

Applicant #1:

Name _____ Age, if under 21 _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Reference Name _____ Phone _____
(Someone, unrelated, who has known you well for at least 5 years)

Applicant #2 (if applicable):

Name _____ Age, if under 21 _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- 1) What made you decide to adopt from S.A.R.A.? _____
- 2) Have you ever had a cat de-clawed? _____ Why? _____
- 3) Why do you want a cat? _____
- 4) Some cats adjust to new homes, children, and other pets more easily than others. How much time do you have to spend with a new cat/kitten to help adjust to your household?

- 5) Name of cat that you are interested in adopting _____
- 6) Why did you choose this particular cat? _____
- 7) Are you: 1st time cat guardian had a cat before an experienced cat guardian
- 8) Does anyone in your household have allergies? _____ If yes what kind? _____

9) How much do you plan on adjusting your **monthly budget** for food, litter, and medical expenses to care for this cat/kitten? \$ _____ (PLEASE SPECIFY A DOLLAR AMOUNT)

10) Where are your funds for **emergency** medical care? Savings Credit Card Other _____

11) Explain what you feel good cat medical care is _____

12) Who will be the Veterinarian for this cat? _____

13) Who will be the **primary** caretaker of this cat? _____ Secondary? _____

14) Pet guardianship is a serious commitment that the entire household needs to consider and agree to before a cat can be adopted. Have you discussed cat guardianship with ALL people living in your household? _____

15) How many people live in your household? Please list names, relationships & ages (if under 21)

Name	Age (if under 18)	Relationship to Person #1
		(This is you)

16) Is your family committed to spending 15+ years providing this cat with love & attention, food, flea treatment, grooming, veterinary care, emergency care, and behavioral assistance as needed? _____

17) Are there any lifestyle-altering events that could occur in your foreseeable future, which could affect your ability to house and care for this cat? (i.e. new baby, allergies, moving, college, caring for elderly, job change, etc.) _____

How will this change affect your ability to care for this cat? _____

18) Have you ever brought an animal to a shelter? ___ If yes, Why? _____

19) Have you ever given an animal away? ___ If yes, Why? _____

Please tell us about any pets you have had, in the past ten years, which are no longer with you.

Type of pet	How long did you have?	What happened? (be specific)	Age at the time?

20) How much **interactive** time are you going to spend with this cat daily? _____

21) How long will this cat be **without** human companionship daily? _____

22) Where will this cat be kept while alone? _____ While you are at home? _____

23) Where will this cat sleep? _____

24) If you have to go away on business or vacation, how will this cat be cared for?

- Leave alone with plenty of food and water
- Pet sitter
- Kennel
- Have a friend/Relative care for the cat
- Other _____

25) This cat/kitten will be: inside only outside only both

26) What problems would make you return this cat? biting/scratching shyness/fear

- Scratching furniture
- Marking/spraying
- Not getting along with other animals
- Litter box issues
- None
- Other (please explain) _____

27) Do you plan on de-clawing this cat? _____ If yes, WHY? _____

28) If you are currently the guardian of other pets, please provide the following information:

Type of Animal	Name	Breed	Sex	Spayed/Neutered?	Age	Where kept? Exact location, please (house, garage, run, etc.)

29) If this cat does not get along with your other pets, what will you do? _____

30) If scratching or behavior problems do occur, are you committed to working with this cat to correct them? _____ How do you plan to do this? _____

31) Which **brand(s)** of cat food are you planning to feed this cat? (Specific brand names please)

Dry _____ Canned (wet) _____ Other _____

32) What made you decide to feed the above foods? _____

33) Which kind of flea control do you plan to use? _____

34) Do you OWN or RENT which of the following below:
 House Apartment Studio Condo Mobile Home

35) If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to have a cat? _____

36) Do you have to pay a pet deposit _____ If yes; you must provide proof of payment.

37) Is the lease or rental contract in your name? ___ If no, whose name is it in? _____

38) **Landlord or Rental Agency Name and Phone:** _____
(We will contact your landlord or Rental agency.)

I acknowledge that the answers to the above questions are true and accurate and that providing false or misleading information is grounds for my application being denied.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

S.A.R.A. reserves the right to refuse any adoption application.



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ADOPTION REFUND POLICY

The staff at S.A.R.A. does everything in our means to ensure the health of our cats; however, some cats may still become ill after adoption. Upper Respiratory Infection (URI), an illness comparable to a human cold, is one common ailment. We do not know what our cats were exposed to before they came to our shelter, therefore we cannot know if they may be incubating an upper respiratory infection. URI may be contagious to other cats, but can be treated with proper medication.

It is highly recommended that cats entering a new home should be separated from other pets for at least 5 to 10 days. Not only does this give your new cat a chance to settle into his/her new home but it can ensure that any health problems are not passed on to resident pets before his/her vet visit can be arranged. While our staff will make every effort to answer questions about your new cat's behavior, **please contact your veterinarian for advice on health matters.**

If your veterinarian determines your cat is in questionable health within ten (10) days of adoption, you have the option of returning him/her to S.A.R.A. for a refund. If you do not take your new pet in for an examination by your veterinarian, the possibility of a monetary refund is voided. We cannot assume any additional medical costs or responsibilities for your cat.

After ten (10) days, the cat may be returned for any reason, but no monetary refund will be issued. We encourage you to **contact us promptly** if behavior problems occur for suggestions on solving these problems before giving up on your new family member.

By signing this, you acknowledge S.A.R.A.'s refund policy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____