



Adoption Contract

We are so glad you are considering adopting a pet from the Ontario County Humane Society. Because we love all our residents staying at Happy Tails Animal Shelter, we are dedicated to ensuring they are matched with the right homes that will give them the unconditional love and care that they deserve. Pet ownership is an enormous commitment, something to be taken very seriously, and we are here to assist you in every way possible. Above all, thank you for your interest in adopting a shelter pet!

Please note the following:

- Submission of this application DOES NOT guarantee or reserve an adoption.
- The Ontario County Humane Society reserves the right to deny an application at any time, for any reason.
- Making false statements of any kind will result in an automatic denial and make you ineligible to adopt from the Humane Society in the future.
- Adoption fees are as follows and subject to change without notice:

Dogs: \$175.00

Cats: \$125.00

Senior to Senior Adoption (Resident must be over the age of 7 and adopter must be over the age of 55): \$75.00

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Apartment/Lot # _____ **Phone #** _____

Email _____

Landlord's Name _____ **Landlord's Phone #** _____

If you pay a fee to occupy someone else's home or land, we must contact the property owner directly before your application can be approved.

-----**For use after an approved adoption**-----

The Ontario County Humane Society is responsible for the enforcement of dog licensing in Ontario County. Upon adoption of a dog, you agree to have said canine licensed with the appropriate clerk within 5 business days. Proof of a current rabies will be necessary to have said dog licensed and will be provided by the Humane Society. Please provide your township and sign, agreeing to allow the Humane Society to contact your clerk's office to verify licensing of your newly adopted canine. Failure to license your dog may result in an appearance ticket and/or a fine for failure to license.

Township _____ **Adopter(s) Signature** _____

I hereby acknowledge receiving _____, a _____ year/month old _____, _____
name age neutered/unneutered gender

_____ on _____
species date

Adopter(s) signature _____

Staff signature _____



Terms and Conditions

Animal Welfare: I will care for the animal humanely and provide proper food, water, shelter, and veterinary care. I agree not to use the animal for any experimental purposes and will not kill, maim, or harm the animal physically or psychologically.

Veterinary Care: I have the financial resources to follow recommended veterinary care, including annual exams and vaccinations, for the animal. I agree to take the animal to a veterinarian within five working days for a physical examination and particularly to have the animal checked for parasites. A list of participating veterinarians offering free exams within five days of adoption is attached.

The Ontario County Humane Society reserves the right to investigate the homes of all animals adopted from our facility before adoption or at any point during the life of the animal. The Humane Society reserves the right to investigate, pursue and/or press charges, and/or remove an adopted animal at any point during the life of the animal if any of the above conditions are found to have been violated.

Hold Harmless: Neither the Ontario County Humane Society, its officers, directors, nor employees make representations as to the health, training, or behavioral characteristics of any animal eligible for adoption or in fact adopted. It is understood that the party adopting the animal shall be totally responsible for the animal and its acts and shall hold the Ontario County Humane society, its officers, directors, and employees harmless from any liability in connection with the adopted animal.

Return Policy: The Ontario County Humane Society is a no-kill facility, and we care deeply for all our residents. We must insist that all animals adopted from our facility be returned to us in the event they can no longer be cared for to ensure their safety, preservation, and to avoid being placed in a kill shelter.

NO TIME LIMIT ANIMAL RETURN POLICY: The Ontario County Humane Society has an open-ended return policy. I understand and agree that ALL animals I adopt from this shelter MUST be returned to THIS SHELTER if I am no longer able or no longer want to care for the adopted animal for ANY reason whatsoever at ANY point during the life of the animal.

Adopter(s) initials _____

Refund Policy: **Refund eligible situations** include and are limited to illness found during the free examination, to be given within 5 business days (voucher included) and experiencing an allergic reaction to said animal within 10 days of adoption (doctors note required). If the animal is not returned to the Humane Society at this time, the Humane Society will not be responsible for any expenses incurred for treatment, medication, etc. and you will not be eligible for a refund.

Nonrefundable situations include but are not limited to falsification of any statements made on the application, reasons such as too large, does not get along with other pets, children, or family members, not housebroken, car sickness, moving, inability to care for, cannot afford, too active, bad habits such as chewing, biting, barking, etc., refusal to bring in other pets, children, or family members to assure compatibility, etc.

I, _____, have read the adoption contract, terms, and conditions, as well as the
print adopter(s) name

refund policy. I understand all the above policies, I understand that the above policies are firm with no exceptions, and I agree to all terms.

Adopter(s) signature _____

Date _____



Adopter History -----

Employment status Full time Part time Student Unemployed Where? _____

How long have you been employed with your current employer? _____

Are you willing to let an OCHS representative visit your home before and/or after adoption? Yes No

Home ownership Own Rent Live with family For how long? _____

Are you moving soon? Yes No If yes, what do you plan to do with the animal? _____

Home type House Apartment Condo Townhouse Mobile home

How active is your household Quiet Average Active How many people in your household? _____

Names and ages of people in your household _____

Please note: All members of your household are strongly encouraged to meet potential pets prior to adoption. Households with children (18 and under) will be required to introduce them to potential pets prior to adoption.

Do any members of the household have allergies to pets? Yes No Is someone home during the day? Yes No

Have you, or anyone living in the home, ever been charged, or convicted of animal neglect, cruelty/abuse, or domestic violence? Yes No If yes, please explain _____

Have you, or anyone currently living in the home, ever been denied to adopt by another organization and/or an individual (breeder, private seller, etc.)? Yes No If yes, please explain _____

Have you, or anyone currently living in the home, ever had to surrender a pet? Yes No If yes, please explain _____

Current Pets -----

I do not currently own any pets _____

Please make note of animals that you **currently own, or have owned in the last five years**, below:

| Presently Owned? | Species | Age | Gender | Neutered/Unneutered | If no longer owned, why? |
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Please note: households with dogs will be required to introduce them to resident dogs prior to adoption.



Which vet clinic are you currently using? _____ May we contact them? _____

Have you adopted from the Ontario County Humane Society, or a similar facility, in the past? _____

If yes, when? _____ and where? _____

Pet Responsibilities -----

How long have you been looking for a pet? _____ How did you hear about this animal? _____

Who will be responsible for caring for this animal? _____

Are you willing to commit the next 10 – 15 years to this animal? _____ Yes _____ No

How much time are you willing to give this animal to acclimate to its new home? _____

Where will this animal be kept during the day? _____ at night? _____

Reasons to adopt. Please check all that apply

Companion for self _____ Companion for my children _____ Breeding _____
Guarding _____ Companion for my pet(s) _____ Other _____
Hunting/herding _____ Mouser/pest control _____

For what problems do you feel unprepared? Please check all that apply

Biting _____ House soiling _____ Not good with children _____
Excessive grooming needs _____ Excessive activity level _____ Confinement issues _____
Not good with other animals _____ Medical issues _____ Excessive chewing _____
Other _____

How will you care for the animal when you are away from home for extended periods of time? _____

If adopting a cat, do you plan to keep the cat _____ indoors _____ outdoors _____ both

If adopting a dog, how will the dog be confined outside? _____ Fenced yard or pen _____ Chain or tie out _____ No confinement

What will you do with the pet if you move?

Depends on the circumstances _____ Return the animal _____
Take with us, no matter what _____ Rehome the animal _____ Unsure _____

Reasons you might return a pet. Please check all that apply

A new job _____ Too expensive _____ New baby _____ Family has less time for the pet _____
Moving _____ Divorce _____ Bad habits _____ None _____

How will the animal be exercised and how often? _____

Many shelter pets will require varying degrees of basic training. Training your new pet is imperative as it will help successfully acclimate the animal to the home. How do you intend to deal with bad habits or lack of training?

Training at home _____ Training with a professional _____ Return the pet _____

The Ontario County Humane Society cannot guarantee that any of our residents are housebroken and housetraining an untrained pet can take several days to several weeks. How do you intend to handle housebreaking?

Pet must be housetrained already _____ I know the procedure _____ I am willing to learn the procedure _____

Annual veterinary care is extremely important for any pet. Do you have any financial reason(s) for being unable to follow recommended veterinary care? _____ Yes _____ No



If there is anything else that you would like to share or relevant information you would like to include, regarding your request to adopt, please include it here. Thank you for taking the time to complete this application and thank you for your interest in adopting a shelter pet!

Multiple horizontal lines for providing additional information.

I, _____, have completed this application honestly, completely, and to the best of my ability. I understand all the above questions and/or have requested information to clarify anything needing further explanation. I attest to the legitimacy of all answers and statements and understand that falsifying information of any kind will result in an automatic denial, making me ineligible to adopt from the Ontario County Humane Society now and in the future.

Adopter(s) Signature _____

Date _____

-----**Office use only**-----

Staff _____ Resident _____

Landlord approval/home ownership verified _____ Vet records verified _____

Application Approved _____

Application Denied _____ Reason _____