



# Happy Hearts Haven

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## Happy Hearts Haven Adoption Application

Pet ownership is a serious responsibility, and should be regarded as a lifelong commitment. Unfortunately it is often easy to acquire pets without giving any real consideration to the owner or animal's lifestyle and needs. Such animals are also easily discarded, and as a result, animal shelters are flooded with pets that "did not work out" for countless reasons. Tragically, eight million animals are euthanized in shelter across the country each year. Happy Hearts is committed to stopping this tragic waste. It is our goal to only place animals in the best homes for their circumstances. Please help us by completing this application.

Completion of this application does not guarantee adoption of a Happy Hearts Haven animal. Happy Hearts Haven reserves the right to refuse adoption to any Client for any reason. This questionnaire becomes part of our contract.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICANT'S INFORMATION:

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

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

### HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION:

Do you live in a House \_\_\_ Apartment \_\_\_ Condominium \_\_\_ Town House \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

How long at your present address? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you Own \_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_

If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to have a pet? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Landlord's Name and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse/Significant Other \_\_\_\_\_

Names (and ages) of children, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Are all members of your household aware of your plans to adopt an animal? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Are any members of your household allergic to animals? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Are you planning to move within the next year? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

If yes, what are your plans for your companion animal when you move?

If you decide to move in the future, what will you do with your companion animal?

What provision would you make for your companion animal in the event of your illness or death?

Where will your companion animal sleep and what area(s) of the house will the animal be allowed into?

How many hours will your companion animal be alone during the average day?

Who will be responsible for care of the animal?

Does anyone in your household smoke? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Would you object to Happy Hearts Haven inspecting the area where the animal is to be kept? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

If yes, please tell us why: \_\_\_\_\_

**VACATION:**

How often do you go on vacation or travel for employment reasons? \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do with your companion animal when you go on vacation?

**EMPLOYMENT:**

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

How long at your present job? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you be contacted at your job? Yes\_\_ No\_\_ If yes, work number \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER ANIMALS:**

Do you have cats? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

If yes:

How many and do any have special needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Have they been tested for FIV and FeLV? \_\_\_\_\_

Do the cats live strictly indoors? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Are the cats declawed? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Do you have dogs? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

If yes:

How many and what breeds? \_\_\_\_\_

Do the dogs live indoors? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Do the dogs get along with other animals? \_\_\_\_\_

Other animals? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

If yes:

How many and what types? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe living conditions of other animals \_\_\_\_\_

Are all animals in your household spayed/neutered? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Name of Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

If no companion animals at this time, have you had any in the past 8 years? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

If yes, what happened to them? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever relinquished a pet to an Animal Shelter? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been cited for an animal related violation? Yes\_\_ No\_\_ Don't know\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL QUESTIONS:**

Why do you want to adopt an animal?

What will you do if, in your opinion, this pet does not work out?

Please list things your new pet could do that would make you want to return it? Start with the worst thing it could do:

Have you ever had a special needs animal before? Yes\_\_ No\_\_ If yes, describe:

If necessary, how will you discipline the animal?

Do you understand that the cost of owning a cat or dog, including food, grooming, vaccinations, flea and heartworm prevention, as well as other medical cost can be \$700 – 1,500 annually? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Can you afford to provide medical care, grooming, proper diet, proper shelter and exercise for your new pet? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Can you commit to take care of this animal for its entire lifespan, which could be as much as 15 to 20 years? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

If for any reason you are unable to keep this pet, will you agree to return it to this agency? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Will you be able to live with hair on you and your furniture, stains on your rugs, a warm body on your bed, and an animal that might be destructive at times? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

*By signing below, I acknowledge and certify that:*

**I understand submitting an application is not a guarantee that an animal adoption will be approved.**

**I have never been convicted of any violation of an ordinance or statute enacted pursuant to animal abuse, neglect or cruelty.**

**That Happy Hearts Haven makes NO Guarantees or Warranties regarding the health or temperament of any adopted animal. Happy Hearts Haven is not responsible of any medical costs incurred by me on behalf of any adopted animal.**

**I, the adopting person, agree to the following conditions: To provide food, clean fresh water, adequate shelter and kind treatment to my adopted pet and not to sell, abandon or give away to be used for experimental purposes. I will provide immediate veterinary care for the animal whenever needed, and I will obey all State and Local animal regulations.**

**The animal shelter officers may check periodically to see if the animal is well fed and has adequate shelter. Any neglect will be cause to remove the animal from said property.**

**I am at least 18 years of age and I agree to the terms of this adoption agreement. I hereby attest that all information provided above is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge and Happy Hearts Haven is authorized to verify such information as necessary.**

**Applicant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**Agency Witness signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

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Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license or other formal ID Verified: \_\_\_\_\_

Housing verified: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary Reference Checked: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINAL APPROVAL:**

YES/Pending/Denied

Date:

Animal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal's new name: \_\_\_\_\_