

# MASSACHUSETTS HUMANE SOCIETY

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## ADOPTION CONTRACT/APPLICATION for CATS/KITTENS

Please note, once this contract is approved and signed by all parties it is legal and binding.

Thank you for considering to adopt a cat/kitten. This form is designed to assist you in selecting a cat or kitten that is suitable for you, your family and your lifestyle. Our goal is to find loving, responsible and **PERMANENT** homes for the cats/kittens in our care.

Adoption Fee: Adult - \$ 125.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (includes young cats)  
Adoption Fee: Kittens - \$ 125.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Altered: Y\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_  
Spay/Neuter Deposit: - \$ 25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Kittens)

\*Once you mail proof that your kitten was spayed or neutered you will get your deposit back.

### In order to be considered for adoption today, you must:

- Be 18 years of age and have current identification on ALL heads of household.
- If own your own home, must show proof of home ownership.
- Have the landlord's name and telephone number, if you rent.
- Understand that we must review and approve your application and then you will receive a telephone return call back.

Interested In: (Cat's Name) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

(HOME PHONE) \_\_\_\_\_

(WORK PHONE) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell Number) \_\_\_\_\_

email : \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in a:  Single-family house  Multi-family house  
 Apt.  Condo/Duplex  Studio  Mobile home  
 Public housing  With parents  Student residence  Other

Do You: Rent  Own

If you rent, are animals allowed in your residence? Yes  No

How long have you lived at this address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to move in the near future: Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If you move in the future, what will you do with the cat?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Who lives in your household?

List by name & relationship. (Also list children's ages).

Your Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Is this cat adoption for: Self \_\_\_ Someone Else \_\_\_ Gift \_\_\_

My cat/s are primarily: Outdoor \_\_\_\_\_

Indoor \_\_\_\_\_

Indoor & Outdoor \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one below that applies to your cat/s:

1. \_\_\_ My cat stays indoors but is allowed to go safely outside.

2. \_\_\_ My cat does not go outside.

3. \_\_\_ My cat goes outside supervised with a family member.

If you never had a cat what above # (1, 2 or 3) will apply if I am approved for a cat or kitten? 1\_\_\_\_ 2\_\_\_\_ 3\_\_\_\_

I had or have my cat/s for how long?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Still Have? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_  
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What happened to your cat/s if you no longer have?

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Name of your veterinarian:

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Telephone #:

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Do you or anyone in your household have allergies to cats?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

How will your new cat/kitten spend its days? *(check all that apply)*

- Indoors  Basement  Garage  Porch  Yard  Outdoors  Other

How will your new cat/kitten spend its nights? *(check all that apply)*

- Indoors  Your bedroom  Kitchen  Basement  Garage  Porch  Outdoors  Other

On average, how many hours each day will the cat/kitten be:

Alone: \_\_\_\_\_ With you & your family: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If yes, what are your plans for caring for your cat/kitten while you are away?

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Please describe the activity level of your home:

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What are your hobbies and interests?

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What steps would you take if your cat/kitten started to ruin your furniture?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Buy a brochure on scratching behavior.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clip cat's nails.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Use citrus scents on furniture.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Declaw cat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Place "Soft Paws" on cats nails.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spray cat with water when seen scratching furniture.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Get a good scratching post
- \_\_\_\_\_ All of the above.

Would you prefer a declawed cat?

Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_

- Do you have declawed cat/cats? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_

What OTHER animals (besides cats) have you owned in the past?

(If Dog)

NAME:\_\_\_\_\_ TYPE/BREED \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_ AGE/SEX\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Still own any? (If YES, please list names below).

Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*(If no, please explain)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

If any of the above animals are deceased and they went to another vet, please list the vet's name below:

Other Vet Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #:( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand why we require all cats to be spayed or neutered?

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

I agree to get this kitten spayed or neutered at the appropriate time. (if not already fixed). Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Initial if Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us why you would like to adopt a cat/kitten.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

If you have never owned a cat, please give the names of 2 references, friend or family member.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

How long of a period are you willing to allow for the cat/kitten to adjust to your home?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you could not keep this cat/kitten for any reason, what would you do?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you allow a member of the Mass Humane Society to do a home check?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Cats can live 15 to 20 years, are you prepared to take responsibility for the cats' entire life? (Please consider issues such as moving, children, planning to have children, teenagers off to college, change in life style?) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Often you may have to separate new pets from existing ones in order to introduce them in a gradual manner. Can this be done at your home & do you have the space to do this?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

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Have you ever brought a pet to a shelter? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain the circumstances.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Many shelter animals have unknown medical histories, are you prepared to provide and pay for any necessary medical treatment that may occur in the future?

Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**I agree that if I am no longer able to keep this cat/kitten for any reason that he/she must be returned to the Massachusetts Humane Society and is NOT to be given to a friend, family member or any other shelter/animal organization or Veterinary Animal Hospital**

Please note (two statement clauses) :

Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** am I to ever get this cat/kitten **DECLAWED**. If scratching becomes a problem I will contact Mass Humane Society right away to discuss alternatives to scratching behavior and or I may return the cat/kitten if the problem persists.

Under the **INDOOR POLICY** of Mass Humane Society I promise in **good faith** **NEVER** to let the cat/kitten outside. I will take all precautions with friends and family to insure that this cat/kitten does not escape and will live indoors. I understand the dangers of the outdoors - cars, poisoning, coyotes, other sick stray cats, wildlife, cruel people and getting lost. If the cat/kitten accidentally gets outside and is lost PLEASE CALL

Mass Humane Society right away. We have the experience and ability to locate lost cats that were previously in our care.

**Adopter agrees to pay MHS an adoption fee of \$125.00 for the above named cat. This fee, minus \$75. is refundable provided the adopter personally returns the alive cat to MHS within seven (7) days of its adoption and releases MHS of any further liability.**

Please Sign & Date Below:

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**You will only get a call back, if you have been approved for the adoption of the animal. Unfortunately, we do not have the manpower to call each and every applicant back.**

**Thank you !!**

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**We will discuss the following:**

- **Adjustment to new home.**
- **Identification.**
- **Litter-box Use.**

- **Questions With:**
  - ***Scratching***
  - ***Biting***
  - ***Staying off furniture***
  - ***Chewing plants***

**DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?**

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I UNDERSTAND AND I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IS TRUE AND THAT I RECOGNIZE THAT ANY MISREPRESENTATION OF FACTS MAY RESULT IN MY LOSING THE PRIVILEGE OF ADOPTING A CAT/KITTEN. I UNDERSTAND THAT A MEMBER OF MASSACHUSETTS HUMANE SOCIETY HAS THE RIGHT TO DENY MY REQUEST TO ADOPT A CAT OR KITTEN. MHS HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE AN UNSCHEDULED VISIT TO CHECK ON THIS CAT/KITTEN. I AUTHORIZE INVESTIGATION OF ALL STATEMENTS ON THIS APPLICATION.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

"I hereby swear, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the information I have provided above is true, and to the best of my knowledge and belief".

**Thank You and BEST WISHES!**