

# Pet Adoption Application

Thank you for adopting a pet! The questions on this application are not a test, they will simply help the Animal Rescue League of Iowa (ARL) ensure that we make a great match. Remember – **adopting a pet is a lifetime commitment!** We strongly recommend that pets meet all humans and other pets (if applicable) living in the household prior to adoption.

**ARL Adoption Requirements:**

	Be at least 18 years old.
	Make sure all the adults living in your household know about the pet and agree that it can live there.
	Have a valid identification with your current address (or other proof of current address).
	Understand that no animals will be adopted for consumption or research. The ARL only adopts animals as family pets.

**THE ARL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY PET ADOPTION.**

**Section I – Adopter Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (outside of your household) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Where do you live:  House  Apartment  Condominium  Townhome  Duplex  Dorm  Farm  Mobile Home

2. Do you:  Own  Rent  Live with parents

3. Have you ever adopted a pet from the ARL before?  Yes  No

4. Have you ever been refused adoption of a pet from the ARL of Iowa or any other shelter?  Yes  No

If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you ever been involved with an animal control department?  Yes  No

If yes, what were the circumstances? \_\_\_\_\_

**Section II – Household Details**

1. How many adults live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_ How many children? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What are the children’s ages (if applicable)? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What will be this pet’s role in the family? Please check all that apply.

Companion  Gift  To breed  For a child  Companion for another pet  Business mascot  For consumption

4. Who will be responsible for feeding this pet? \_\_\_\_\_ Training? \_\_\_\_\_

Cleaning its cage/enclosure? \_\_\_\_\_

5a. Have you had any pets in the past 5 years?  Yes  No    5b. Are there any pets in the home now?  Yes  No

If so, please fill out this chart:

Type/Breed	Where kept	Age	Spayed/Neutered	Vaccinated	Still own	If no, why?

6. If you have pets now or had them in the past, who is or was the Veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Does anyone in your household have allergies?  Yes  No If yes, what kinds? \_\_\_\_\_
8. If you move in the future, what will you do with this pet and your other pets? \_\_\_\_\_
9. A representative of the ARL would like to make a follow-up visit to see how this pet is settling in. What would be a convenient time to stop by? \_\_\_\_\_

### Section III – Role in the Family

All pets have requirements that can sometimes be easily overlooked. The purpose of this section is not to test you, but to get you thinking about your responsibilities as a pet owner. After you complete this section, you may have some questions about caring for your new pet. An adoption counselor will be happy to answer them.

1. Did you know that in the first year, pet food and pet supplies may cost \$100+?  Yes  No
2. About how many hours per day will this pet be alone in the home without human companionship? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many days per week? \_\_\_\_\_ Where will this pet be kept when alone? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where will this pet be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ At night? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where will this pet be kept?  Indoors  Outdoors  Both  Free running  Caged  Both
5. Do you have a cage now?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please describe it: \_\_\_\_\_
6. A shelter is an insulated structure that has bedding inside. Shelter keeps pets warm in the winter, cool in the summer and gives them room to stand up, stretch out, and lie down comfortably. Will your new pet have shelter?  Yes  No
7. Do you plan to housetrain this pet?  Yes  No If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How will you train this pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
9. It may take two weeks or more for this new pet to adjust to your home (depending on the household). Are you willing to give ample time for adjustment?  Yes  No
11. If this pet is a female, do you plan to let her reproduce?  Yes  No If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_

### Section IV – Application Agreement

By signing below, I certify that the information on this application is true and I recognize that any misrepresentation of facts may result in my losing the privilege of adopting or keeping an adopted pet. I understand that the Animal Rescue League of Iowa has the right to deny my request to adopt an animal and I authorize investigation of all statements in this application. I understand that this application is the property of the Animal Rescue League of Iowa.

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

### OPTIONAL – Donation

The ARL serves people and pets from across the state of Iowa through its programs, which include pet adoption, humane education, pet behavior training, spay/neuter, animal cruelty intervention and much more. It costs \$30 to care for 2 pets per day and if you donate at least \$30 per year, you will receive a copy of our quarterly magazine, *Tailwaggers*.

Please accept my gift of:  \$30  \$50  \$75  \$100  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Adoption Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_