



# Cat 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.
For the safety of your pet, agree to take him/her home with a collar and carrier.*

\*These items may be purchased in advance or at the time of adoption.

## 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)? \_\_\_\_\_ Any allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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 the chart:

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

6. Who will be this pet's Veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_
7. If you move in the future, what will you do with this pet and your other pets? \_\_\_\_\_
8. 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? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Does anyone in your household have allergies?  Yes  No If so, what kinds? \_\_\_\_\_

### 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. Do you know that in the first year, regular preventative care may cost \$150+ for a cat?  Yes  No
2. Did you know that in the first year, pet food and pet supplies may cost \$100+?  Yes  No
3. About how many hours per day will this pet be alone in the home without human companionship? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many days per week? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where will this pet be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ At night? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you plan to let this pet go outdoors?  Yes  No If yes, do you plan to keep this pet on a harness?  Yes  No
6. Do you understand that state law may require vaccinating, leashing and licensing cats?  Yes  No
7. How will you train this pet to...  
Stay off furniture and tables? \_\_\_\_\_  
Not munch on/ingest plants? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Many common household plants are deadly to cats. A guide to poisonous plants is located on our website at [ARL-Iowa.org](http://ARL-Iowa.org).)
8. What will you do if your new cat...  
Keeps you awake at night? \_\_\_\_\_  
Misses the litter pan? \_\_\_\_\_
9. It might take your new cat two weeks or more to adjust to your home (depending on your household). Are you willing to give this cat ample time to adjust?  Yes  No
10. The ARL has written a book, *For Love of Cats*, which guides the reader through all of these questions and answers. Would you like to add \$14.00 onto your adoption fee to purchase a copy of this book?  Yes  No
11. Are you interested in the Happy Cat Prescription Program?  Yes  No  Tell me more!

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_