



ADOPTION APPLICATION

We ask for a \$150 adoption donation to help us cover the costs we incur in caring for each cat at Tabby's Place.

I. Personal Information (Please Print)

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred method of contact: Phone Alt. Phone Email Any

How did you hear about Tabby's Place? _____

Would you like to get our quarterly newsletter by email? Yes No

II. Household Information (Circle one in each category below)

1. Type of Residence: House Apartment Condo/Townhouse Farm Other _____

2. Residence Status: Own Rent Live with Parents

3. Experience with cats: First time Had 1 or 2 Had many

4. Where will cat live? Indoors Only Sometimes Outdoors Mostly Outdoors Outdoors Only

5. Your Age _____ Ages of all other household residents: _____

6. If you were to move, what would you do with your pet(s)? _____

7. Under what circumstance(s) would you consider giving up a pet in the future? (examples: scratching furniture, not using the litter box, etc.) _____

8. Would you consider declawing a cat and why? _____

9. Are you comfortable with the possibility of a child or other household member being bitten or scratched by an animal? Yes No Unsure N/A

10. Have you ever been in a situation where you had to give up a pet? Yes No
If yes, please explain _____

11. Are you adopting for your own household? Yes No

12. Is everyone in the household aware and supportive of this adoption? Yes No Unsure

13. Does anyone in your household have a history of cat allergies? Yes No Unknown

- 14. If you are away from home for an extended period of time (i.e. vacation or extended hospital stay), how will you provide care for your cat? _____
- 15. Some cats require several weeks or even months to acclimate to their new home, family, and other pets. Are you willing to allow for this adjustment period? Yes No *Unsure*
- 16. Cats require a minimum of one physical exam each year, as well as, vaccinations and blood work per your veterinarian's recommendation. A cat may also need additional veterinary visits and care should he or she become ill. We estimate the average annual medical cost of a cat to be \$125-\$150 for a young, healthy cat and \$250 for a geriatric cat. Are you able and willing to cover these costs? Yes No *Unsure*

III. Desires and Expectations (Circle all that apply)

- 1. Reasons for adopting: *Family Companion* *Mouser* *Companion for Pet* *Barn Cat* *Other*
- 2. Desired Age: *No preference* *>10 years (senior)* *>3 years (sensible adult)*
 1-3 years (energetic young adult) *4-12 months (child/teen)* *2-4 months (toddler)*
- 3. Gender: *No preference* *Male* *Female*
- 4. Desired Characteristics (may choose multiple): *Calm* *Confident* *Declawed* *Friendly*
 Independent *Lap cat* *Outgoing* *Playful* *Reserved*
- 5. Are you willing to consider a cat with special needs? Yes No *Maybe*
- 6. If there are specific cats you are interested in, list them here: _____

Survey Question: Tabby's Place is home to many Special Needs cats (i.e. Cats that have a medical or behavioral condition for which they require special care, usually in the form of daily medication or a special diet.) Can you think of anything that might motivate you to consider adopting a Special Needs cat? These things may include discounted adoption fee, help with medication or vet care, etc. Your answer will not affect the approval of your application. _____

IV. References

- Have you used a vet in the past 4 years? Yes No
- 1. Veterinary Reference
 Practice name: _____ Phone: _____
 Under what owner's name are your pets' records listed? _____
 - 2. Personal Reference A (Must be an acquaintance of at least 6 months and cannot be a relative)
 Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Relationship (circle one): *Neighbor* *Work colleague* *Friend* *Other:* _____
 - 3. Personal Reference B (Must be an acquaintance of at least 6 months and cannot be a relative)
 Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Relationship (circle one): *Neighbor* *Work colleague* *Friend* *Other:* _____

VI. Current Pets (Please list all pets you currently have. If you need additional room, please use the space below.)

Check here if you have never owned any pets.

Pet #1 Name: _____ Species: (circle one) *Dog* *Cat* *Other* _____

Age: _____ Spayed/Neutered? (circle one) *Yes* *No*

Where does pet live? (circle one) *Indoors only* *Indoors-outdoors* *Outdoors only*

Pet #2 Name: _____ Species: (circle one) *Dog* *Cat* *Other* _____

Age: _____ Spayed/Neutered? (circle one) *Yes* *No*

Where does pet live? (circle one) *Indoors only* *Indoors-outdoors* *Outdoors only*

Pet #3 Name: _____ Species: (circle one) *Dog* *Cat* *Other* _____

Age: _____ Spayed/Neutered? (circle one) *Yes* *No*

Where does pet live? (circle one) *Indoors only* *Indoors-outdoors* *Outdoors only*

Pet #4 Name: _____ Species: (circle one) *Dog* *Cat* *Other* _____

Age: _____ Spayed/Neutered? (circle one) *Yes* *No*

Where does pet live? (circle one) *Indoors only* *Indoors-outdoors* *Outdoors only*

VII. Former Pets (Please list all pets you have had in the past 10 years and why you no longer have them. If you need additional room, please use the space below.)

Pet #1 Name: _____ Species: (circle one) *Dog* *Cat* *Other* _____

Age: _____ Why do you no longer have this pet? _____

Pet #2 Name: _____ Species: (circle one) *Dog* *Cat* *Other* _____

Age: _____ Why do you no longer have this pet? _____

Pet #3 Name: _____ Species: (circle one) *Dog* *Cat* *Other* _____

Age: _____ Why do you no longer have this pet? _____

Pet #4 Name: _____ Species: (circle one) *Dog* *Cat* *Other* _____

Age: _____ Why do you no longer have this pet? _____

Additional Current or Former Pets: _____

VIII. Terms, Signature & Release (Please initial and sign below)

I understand that Tabby's Place reserves the right to deny an adoption request for any, or no, reason and that Tabby's Place may choose not to reveal specific reasons. X _____

I affirm that all of the information on this application is true and complete and that any incorrect information or omissions are grounds for denial. X _____

I hereby grant permission for any veterinary offices listed above to speak to an employee/volunteer of Tabby's Place to discuss information related to my ownership and care of pets. X _____

I have read and understand the Tabby's Place policy regarding the Age of Potential Adopters. (See below) X _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

IX. Our Policy Regarding the Age of Potential Adopters

Adopting a cat is a lifetime commitment, so that the cat receives attention, care and respect for the rest of his life. We need to feel comfortable that each potential adopter

- can provide a stable environment for the cat,
- has the ability to pay for medical care, as well as basic necessities,
- will be in good enough health to care for the cat

For these reasons, we apply additional scrutiny to potential adopters who are less than 21 (twenty-one) years of age or older than 70 (seventy) years of age and **require that these persons provide below a "back up" caretaker or adopter for their newly adopted cat.** We treat each case individually and are happy to work with you to find a solution.

Potential Adopters Less than the Age of 21

A potential adopter who is at least 18 (eighteen) years of age¹, but less than 21 years of age, is less likely than an older person

- to have the financial means to care for a cat,
- to have a stable living situation to ensure that the cat will have an appropriate home for an extended period of time.

For these reasons, our Adoption Counselors may ask questions that seem intrusive.

Potential Adopters Older than the Age of 70

A potential adopter who is over 70 years of age, is less likely than a younger person

- to outlive a young cat,
- to remain healthy enough to provide a lifetime of care for a cat.

For these reasons, our Adoption Counselors will ask you to consider older cats and may ask intrusive questions.

Back Up Caretaker/Adopter (For persons 18-21 or over 70 only)

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Tabby's Place will confirm that this person is fully aware of their commitment to adopt and care for your cat in the event that you are no longer able to do so for any of the above reasons and include his/her name on your adoption contract to allow transfer of ownership if necessary.

¹ You must be at least 18 years of age to adopt from Tabby's Place.