**Adoption Application**

Pet guardianship is a serious commitment that the entire household needs to consider and agree to before the animal is adopted. Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS NY) wants to ensure that each adoptive household is aware of and willing and able to accept the physical and financial responsibilities of pet guardianship. Not everyone who desires to adopt a pet is ready to properly care for one. This application will assist both you and PAWS NY in determining if your household is prepared to assume the role of responsible caretaker for an animal. Please note that applying does not ensure approval. PAWS NY reserves the right to refuse adoptions to anyone. No animal will be adopted to prospective guardians who mislead or fail to provide accurate information on the adoption application.

**PAWS NY Information:**

PAWS NY

(212) 203 – 4760

\*Please retain this information for your records.

Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTER Information:

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work#: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*If you don’t have one and would like a recommendation, please let us know and we’ll see if we know anyone we trust in your area.*

**References:**

Please give us 2 personal references with phone numbers and email addresses:

1.

2.

References Checked: [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**Background Check Complete:** [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**ANIMAL(s) INTERESTED IN ADOPTING:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  Approximate [ ]  Exact

Sex: [ ]  Male [ ]  Female Neutered or spayed? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**Tell Us About Yourself as a New Pet Guardian!**

* Are you committed to spend 12+ years providing healthcare, food, grooming, and attention to your adoptee?
* Pet food and supplies are a monthly expense and pets require annual vet checkups. Do you feel confident you can budget per month and per year for the number of pets you have?
* Like with people, sometimes emergencies happen. Will you have a budget for emergency medical care if needed? Also if something were to happen to you, do you have a backup caregiver setup for your pet(s)?
* Who will be the primary caretaker of the pet?
* Who else lives in the house/apartment (including children)?
* Has the addition of a new pet been discussed with all of them?
* What is your daily schedule like? How much time will the pet be alone?
* If there are other pets in the home, what are your other pets? Are they spayed/neutered? Are they vaccinated? If you have cats, have they been tested for FELV/FIV?
* Are there screens in all of your windows? If not, do you plan to keep your windows closed? *Falling out of windows is so common with cats that they have a name for it - “The High Rise Syndrome”, which often results in shattered jaws, punctured lungs, broken limbs and pelvises – and even death. ASPCA’s Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital sees approximately three to five cases a week in the spring/summer.*
* What will you do with your pet when you are on vacation? For 2-3 days? For over a week?
* Do you have permission from the landlord to have your current pets/new pet(s) if you rent? If you rent, is the lease in your name?
* Have you ever given an animal that was under your care to another person? If yes, what was the situation?
* Have you ever brought an animal to a shelter? If yes, please let us know the situation.

**Pet Behavior**

*Potential adopters come to us with all different levels of experience with pets. We encourage anyone inexperienced to think of PAWS NY as a resource – if there is a behavioral issue you are wondering about, chances are we have dealt with it and one of us has probably extensive experience with it!*

What problems would make you return a pet? Circle all that apply

Scratching furniture

Other:

Chewing

Marking

Shyness/Fear

Not getting along with other animals

**Spaying and Neutering**

Are your current pets spayed/neutered?

If the pet you are applying to adopt is not already spayed/neutered (i.e. a pet who is under 4 months), are you willing to commit to have your new pet spayed/neutered at 4-6 months of age? (\*Barring any medical issues that otherwise prohibits it. Your vet would need to diagnose these and they are pretty rare.)