

Animal ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Adoption Application for Sussex County Animal Shelter

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Procedure: \* Completely fill out & sign application. \* You will hear back within 7 days.\* For approved applications; an adoption contract will be completed, spay or neuter scheduled and paid for by adopter, pick up date arranged, microchip implanted, adoption fee paid and then you take your new canine friend home.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog(s) or Cat(s) Applying for: \_\_\_\_\_ (put ANY if none specified)

Breed/Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print identification information clearly:

Applicant(s) Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to adopt a dog or cat?

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

Please list any preferences (age, sex, breed, personality):

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

- Have you ever had an application declined for adoption of an animal from an animal welfare group/animal control facility? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no ( if Yes Explain: )  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Are you willing to take the time to housebreak a dog/cat, and do you understand that changing a dog's/cat's environment may cause the dog to have accidents? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_no
- Does any member of the family have any allergies to animals? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no
- Describe the kinds of personal situations where you might have to return your adopted dog, i.e., job loss, children, move, marital change, etc.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- For whom are you adopting the dog? \_\_\_self \_\_\_gift \_\_\_other \_\_\_\_\_

- How many people live in your home?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Are there any children in the household? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_ no If yes, what are their ages?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Describe those pets you currently own: If you have more animals than space provided, please use an additional sheet of paper and attach to this form.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ is the pet Spayed or Neutered? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Primarily Indoor or Outdoor (CIRCLE ONE)

How did you acquire the animal? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ is the pet Spayed or Neutered? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

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How did you acquire the animal? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ is the pet Spayed or Neutered? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

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How did you acquire the animal? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ is pet Spayed or Neutered? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

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How did you acquire the animal? \_\_\_\_\_

- Have you considered the extra expenses that will come with having a dog/cat including vet care, food, supplies and equipment, toys, training and boarding? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no
- What type of home do you live in? \_house \_townhouse \_condo \_apt \_ (CIRCLE ONE)
- Do you own or rent your residence? \_\_\_own \_\_\_rent
- If you rent: Landlord name \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord phone #(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have a fenced yard? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_ no
- For some dogs, fences of minimum 5 to 6 ft. are required. What type of fence? How tall?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Is the fence attached to the home? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

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- If you do not have a fence, do you plan to install a fence? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no. If yes, when?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How many hours will the dog be left unattended (i.e., workday)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- When you are home, where will the dog be kept?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Where will the dog sleep at night?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- When no one is home (i.e. at work, shopping), where will the dog stay (be specific)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If you move, what will you do with the dog?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Are you or your spouse with the military? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no
- Are you aware we require all dogs/cats being adopted be spayed/neutered prior to you taking the animal home? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no
- Are you aware you will be responsible for spay /neuter cost prior to taking the animal home? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no
- Have all adult family members met with and agreed upon the dog/cat? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no
- Are you willing to do a home check? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

I have read the above information carefully and have filled out this application honestly. I understand that omission of information and/or failure to answer all questions and sign the application can result in this application being declined. Also, if an omission or untruth is discovered after an adoption takes place, I understand that the Sussex County Animal Shelter, reserves the right to annul the adoption and reclaim the animal. I give the Sussex County Animal Shelter permission to fully investigate the information provided as well as contact related officials to this adoption. If the application passes this review, I agree to a home and yard visit on a mutually agreed date by staff or volunteer of Sussex County Animal Shelter before an adoption decision is made. In addition, I understand the adoption decision is dependent on many factors, including but not limited to the compatibility of the family and home to the individual animal, and other applications received on this animal. I understand it is the Sussex County Animal Shelter's prerogative to decide which home is most appropriate and that their decision is final, and therefore I will not argue with the decision. Unless otherwise indicated by the Sussex County Animal Shelter, I am free to apply and undergo the application process in the future.

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

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

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

Approvers signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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