

# Rabbit/Ferret/Rodent/Bird ADOPTION APPLICATION

Animal ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Prior to the adoption of an animal, we ask that you complete this application. This information will help the Society achieve its goal of finding permanent, responsible, loving homes for the animals in our care and allow the Society to better assist you in finding a pet suited to your needs.*

Adopter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### To be considered for adoption today you need to:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have knowledge and consent of all adults living in your household
- Have a valid government-issued photo ID
- Have landlords consent to bring an animal onto the property
- Understand that the Society reserves the right to refuse the adoption of any animal.

Why do you want to adopt this pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many pets do you currently have in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Cats: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/neutered?  Yes  No Ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dogs: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/neutered?  Yes  No Ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Types: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever adopted a pet from the Society?  Yes  No  
If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is this pet now? \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you ever surrendered an animal to the Society?  Yes  No  
If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your housing situation?  Own  Rent  
 House  Condo/Town Home  Mobile Home  Apartment  Farm  
Are you planning to move in the next six months?  Yes  No  
If yes, what will you do with your pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are there children living in the household?  Yes  No Ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
Does anyone in the household have animal allergies?  Yes  No  
If yes, how do you plan to manage this issue? \_\_\_\_\_  
Will this pet be kept indoors or outdoors?  Indoors  Outdoors  Both  
Describe the housing you will provide for this pet: \_\_\_\_\_  
How much time each day do you anticipate you will have available to interact with this pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you familiar with the animal laws in your town?  Yes  No If yes, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you afford veterinary care, grooming, emergency expenses, supplies and food for the lifetime of this pet? (These expenses can often add up to hundreds of dollars each year.)  Yes  No

**All pets making the transition from shelter to a new home need time to adjust to a new family and may require housetraining and behavior training.** Are you willing to provide any needed training?  Yes  No

**Information regarding the history, health and behavior of adopted animals may not be available or accurate.**  
What behavior would you be unwilling to work with? \_\_\_\_\_  
What reasons might cause you to return this pet? \_\_\_\_\_

**Because so many shelter animals have unknown medical histories, a quarantine period is recommended if you have other pets at home.** Are you able to separate this new animal from your other pets?  Yes  No  Not applicable

### What topics would you like more information about?

- Diet
- Housing
- Introductions to other pets
- Educational resources
- Licensing/City ordinances

*By signing below, I certify that the information I have given is accurate and complete*

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

**Please review the following adoption policies and information. After reading each item, place your initials in the box next to the item.**

- Free Physical Examination** -- The Society encourages you to take your new pet to a participating veterinarian within the next fourteen (14) days for a free follow-up exam. This exam does not include tests, x-rays or other medical work. A list of these vets will be given to you at the time of adoption. *(Note: not all veterinary clinics offer the free exam to rabbits, ferrets, rodents and birds. To avoid a charge, please check with the clinic prior to your appointment.)*
- Sterilization of Rabbits/Ferrets** – In an effort to reduce unwanted litters and prevent future health problems, all rabbits and ferrets are spayed/neutered prior to adoption. For some animals, this surgery has been recent, so please take special care to keep the surgical area clean and dry.
- Microchip Implant** for Rabbits/Ferrets -- All rabbits and ferrets have been implanted with a microchip for identification purposes. The microchip provides a permanent, positive identification should your pet become lost..
- Thirty-Day Return Policy**—All pet adoptions are given a thirty (30) day period during which time you may return the pet and receive an Adoption Credit Certificate valid towards the adoption of another animal and/or purchase of merchandise in the adoption store. This certificate is valid for ninety (90) days and can be used at any of our five shelter locations. No reimbursement will be given should the new transaction be less than the value of the certificate. If this should occur, the balance will be considered a donation to the Society. If you should need to return a pet, please contact the Animal Admissions Center to schedule an appointment.
- No Cash Refunds** -- No cash refunds or charge credits will be given for returned animals. Please think about your adoption decision carefully and thoroughly!
- Quarantine Period** – We strongly advise you to keep your newly adopted pet isolated from your existing pets until your veterinarian confirms its health. The Society is unable to treat pets currently in your home, which may have been exposed to illness from your newly adopted pet.
- Ownership Agreement** – As the new owner, you agree to take full responsibility for the care and well being of this pet for its lifetime. Once the adoption is finalized, you will be responsible for all medical bills and decisions regarding this animal.

***Please print your name, date and sign below.***

*I have read, understand and agree to abide by the above-mentioned policies*

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Name (please print)

Signature

Date

Staff Initials