



## Matty's Heart & Soul Animal Rescue Adoption Application

This is an application, not an agreement to adopt a pet. All applications must be approved prior to pet adoption. A comprehensive questionnaire helps us in placing the right animal with the right family. An improper placement or one in which all the details aren't known, can end tragically, usually for the animal. The adoption process requires an approved application, a background check, vet reference, a home visit and a meet and greet. We do not allow meet and greets outside of adoption events without an approved application on file. You will be contacted by a rescue director or approved volunteer to schedule the meet and greet and home visit. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Personal Information:

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

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

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

Driver's License/ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever adopted a dog or cat from Matty's Heart & Soul Animal Rescue before? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
If so, what was the name of the dog or cat while they were in our program?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you at least 18 years old? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ How many adults are in the household? \_\_\_\_\_ How many children (under 18)? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the full names and birthdates of those aged 18 and over? (Info is used for the background check on all adults and is required to complete the adoption)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please list ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you expecting a child or planning a family in the near future? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

Are you interested in a particular animal at this time? Please specify who: \_\_\_\_\_

How many consecutive hours a day are you away from home for work, school etc.? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be having anyone look after your animal while you are away from home? Y\_\_ N \_\_

Where will the animal primarily live (indoors or outdoors)? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in the household have allergies? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_ If so, what type? \_\_\_\_\_

**Information on your home:**

Own

Rent

Type of dwelling: (please "x")      Type of Setting (please "x")      Size of Yard (Please "x")

House

Urban

No Yard

Apartment Complex

Suburban

Under ½ acre

Duplex/Triplex

Mid-rural

½ - 2 acres

Condo/Townhouse

Rural

Over 2 acres

Other: Please describe \_\_\_\_\_

**For Renters, Condos, or Townhomes Only:**

If you rent, please give name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of landlord:

If you rent, does it state in your lease that dogs/cats are allowed? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If you own a Condo or Townhome, please give name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of homeowners association president/representative:

If you own a Condo or Townhome does your homeowners association allow dogs? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

Is there any weight or breed restrictions? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ If so, what are the restrictions?

Does your homeowners or renters insurance company/policy have a breed ban? Y\_\_\_ N \_\_\_

N/A\_\_\_

If so, which breeds are included?

How close is the nearest highway/busy street to your home?

Do you have a fenced yard? Y\_\_ N \_\_ If so, does the fencing complexly enclose the yard? Y\_\_ N \_\_

How tall is the fence? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have a fenced in yard, how do you plan to keep your new animal safe?

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever moved from one residence to another without taking your pet? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

If so, please describe? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us about your current animal(s), if any.**

List the following information for each *dog* you currently own: **Breed, sex, age, spayed/neutered, and whether the dog lives indoors or outdoors.** If the breed is mixed, please indicate size of dog.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

List the following information for each *cat* you currently own: **Age, sex, spayed/neutered, whether the cat is declawed, whether the cat lives indoors or outdoors.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any pets you have previously owned, along with the following information: **Breed/species, how long the pet was owned, was it kept indoors or outdoors, spayed/neutered, and where the pet is now (if deceased, list cause of death).**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had to give up a pet? If so, please tell us why? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of the animal leash and license laws in your city? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

Is there a limit for the amount of animals one household can have in your city/county? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

We have listed several common reasons that an animal might not fit for an adopter. Please select any you feel might be concerning to you once the pet moves home. Our goal is to match the right personality with the right family. There are no “right” or “wrong” answers here.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies            | <input type="checkbox"/> Jumps on people      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pets didn't get along |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Kids ignore the pet  | <input type="checkbox"/> Separation anxiety    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digging              | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving               | <input type="checkbox"/> Too much              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too much energy      | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs more attention | hair/shedding                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Escape artist        | <input type="checkbox"/> New baby             | <input type="checkbox"/> Vet bills too high    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housebreaking issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Over                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jumps on furniture   | protective/territorial                        |  |

How will the animal get its daily exercise? \_\_\_\_\_

How much exercise will the animal be given daily? (Hours) \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the animal sleep? Be specific (kitchen, crate, my bed, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the animal be kept when no one is home? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to train the animal? Please elaborate \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to use a crate? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

What will you do if this animal grows larger than expected? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your definition of disciplining your animal?

What do you plan to do with the animal if you have to move out of your current dwelling?

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Do you agree to return the animal to Matty's Heart & Soul Animal Rescue should you no longer be able to keep the animal? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_ If no, please explain why:

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What is the name and location of the vet you ARE or WILL be seeing?

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Will you be using Heartworm preventative? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_ Flea Preventative? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

It is very common for dogs to have accidents in their new home as they get acclimated to their new environment and schedule. Do you understand that it may take your pet anywhere from 2 weeks to 6 months to adjust to its new surroundings and for its true personality to emerge? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

**References:** Please list 2 NON-FAMILY references below (vet references are preferable):

#1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number or email: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known Reference #1? \_\_\_\_\_

#2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number or email: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known Reference #2? \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, attest that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete at the time of signing. I understand that falsely provided information can mean that my application will be terminated and repossession of the cat/dog may occur. (Please sign and date).

Applicant Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! **Please check over your answers and make sure that there are none left blank. Incomplete or unsigned applications may not be considered.** Use "N/A" if a question does not personally apply to you. We, at Matty's Heart & Soul Animal Rescue, are unable to accept every application for adoption. We have specific criteria for each cat/dog and believe that it is in the pet's best interest to select each home with care. Applications are PROCESSED on a first come, first served basis, but are APPROVED based on what is best for the pet. We have set guidelines for application acceptance and we understand that your opinion may differ from ours. Please be advised that a home visit is required. Thank you for understanding.