



ADOPTION APPLICATION

The first step in the process of adopting a pet from the Shores of the Mitten Animal Rescue and Transport (SMART Paws) is to complete this application. The application provides important information. Working with you, we will be able to determine if the adoption is in the pet's best interest, and the process ensures that you will find a pet well-suited to your lifestyle. Please provide detailed information for all questions.

Our adoption fee includes the cost for vaccinations and other medical care; the spaying or neutering of the animal; and microchipping. If the pet you have chosen has not yet been spayed or neutered, you may be able to take it home with you, but this will require you to sign an Early Release agreement with SMART Paws, a binding legal document that commits you to sterilize the pet at an appropriate age. A \$50.00 deposit will be collected for unsterilized pets. We will hold this in escrow and return it to you when you submit proof of sterilization.

To qualify for adoption, you must:

- Be at least 21 years old and have a valid driver's license or state Identification Card stating your current address
- Have the knowledge and consent of a landlord, if relevant
- Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide medical treatment, proper nourishment and care, and training for a pet

Please note: We reserve the right to refuse adoption to anyone. Please be advised that we will not adopt to persons who mislead or fail to provide accurate information on this application. A trusted volunteer may also be sent to your home to ensure the safety and compassionate care of the animal. You also reserve the right to stop the adoption process at any time.

Shores of the Mitten Animal Rescue and Transport (dba SMART Paws) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

Name of Animal applying for: _____ Date of Application: _____

Applicant's Contact Information

Name(s): _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ Home Cell Work _____ Home Cell Work

Email: _____

Housing Information

Housing Type: House Apartment Condo Mobile Home

How many years at this residence? _____ Do you rent or own? _____

If renting, do you have permission from Landlord/Complex Management to have a pet? Yes No

Please provide name of Landlord/Complex: _____ Phone: _____

Are you planning to move in the foreseeable future? Yes No If yes, where, when, and why? _____

Please describe the environment where the pet will be living if adopted: _____

Family Information

Number of adults in the household (including yourself): _____

Children? Yes No If yes, how old are they? _____

Does anyone in the home have allergies to animals? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Does anyone in the home have any objections to a new pet? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

For whom are you adopting the pet? _____

Pet Ownership History

CURRENT PETS: Please list all pets currently living at your home

| NAME | TYPE OF PET | AGE | SEX | SPAY/NEUTER? | TIME OWNED |
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PAST PETS: Please list all pets you have owned or cared for in the past 10 years

| NAME | TYPE OF PET | AGE | SEX | SPAY/NEUTER? | TIME OWNED | WHERE NOW? |
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Have you ever sold, rehomed, or surrendered a pet? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Veterinary Reference

Please list each vet where your animal(s) received care over the past 10 years.

Vet/Clinic Name: _____ Time with this vet: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Alternate Vet/Clinic and Phone: _____

Care Information

This pet will primarily be: Indoor Outdoor Both

If indoor/outdoor, please explain in detail: _____

If applying for a cat, do you plan on declawing? Yes No

How will you introduce your new pet to any existing pets? _____

On average, how many hours a day will this pet be left alone? _____

Where will this pet be kept when no one is home? _____

How frequently do you travel (business/vacation)? _____

Please describe what you will do in the event of:

Overnight travel: _____

Moving: _____

Loss of employment: _____

Change in family dynamics: _____

Pet develops behavior issues (chewing, scratching furniture, biting, excessive crying, house soiling, spraying, getting onto countertops?): _____

Pet develops health issues: _____

What if treatment is expensive?: _____

Are you prepared for a lifetime commitment to this animal (cat: 15-20+ years, dog: 10-15+ years)? Yes No

Under what circumstances would you return an animal? _____

I pledge that the above information is true and complete. I understand that the submission of this application does not guarantee that I will be able to adopt an animal from SMART Paws.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____