

## **Oneida County Humane Society Adoption Application**

Here at the OCHS, we promote Adopters Welcome, a conversational approach to the adoption process. Once adopted, pets from shelters and rescue groups typically cost less than pets purchased or even acquired for free, when you add in the cost of vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, microchipping, flea, and tick treatment and dewormer included in your adoption fee. The following information is requested to assist you with your selection of a new pet.

The animal's welfare is our foremost consideration. This process is designed to help us determine if this adoption is in the animal's best interest, and to assist you in finding an animal most compatible with your lifestyle.

The animals available for adoption came here from a variety of sources. All animals are examined upon entry, and their health is routinely monitored while at the Adoption Center but there is always a chance that an animal is incubating a disease without showing any clinical signs. After an adoption is complete the animals are the sole responsibility of the adopter.

### **IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN ADOPTER TODAY YOU MUST:**

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have knowledge and consent of all adults living in your home.
- Have written consent from parents and/or landlord.
- Schedule an appointment in person over the phone to meet available pets.
- Have verifiable identification showing present address.
- Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide training, medical treatment, and proper care for a pet.
- Understand that OCHS has the right to deny or accept your application.
- Realize that although we will give your application full consideration, we do not adopt out on a first come first served basis and adoptions may not be same day as your visit. The animal will go to the family that will provide the best home for this animal.

***Complete this application in full and truthfully - failure to do so will result in automatic denial until it is completed.***

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone numbers:

Cell (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Additional # (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ (microchip registration purposes)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own your home? Y/N If Yes, is it in your name and if asked can you provide proof of ownership? Y/N

If you rent, rent to own or, land contract:

home owners name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

I live in a

- House
- Apartment
- Condo
- Duplex
- Camper
- Other

How many people reside in the home? \_\_\_\_\_ How many are children? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other Adults living in the home (First name, Last Name)

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Have you or anyone in your home been convicted of an animal-related crime? Y/N Please explain

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Please provide 2 non-related references outside of your home

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship

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I am interested in

- DOG
- CAT
- OTHER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously owned dogs and/or cats/small animals? Y/N

Do you own any other pets at this time? Please list

\_\_\_\_\_

Ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Current on vaccines? Y/N Are they spayed/neutered Y/N

Are you familiar with the licensing laws in your city or town? Y/N

Please select the following reasons for adopting this pet:

- watchdog
- companion
- barn cat/mouser
- breeding
- hunting
- family pet
- child's pet
- guard dog
- other

Who is your veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_)- \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

OCHS has your permission to reach out to your vet, please initial giving consent. If consent is not given, we have the right to immediately deny your application. \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a day will your pet be alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your pet be kept

- Indoors
- Outdoors
- both

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How will you exercise with your dog?

- Physical fence
- Yard
- Leash
- Electric fence
- Hiking
- Walking
- Running
- Other
- N/A

I understand that dogs/cats may need additional training and I am ready to be responsible for that if issues should arise.

- YES
- NO
- OTHER

I understand that a new pet in the home may take time to adjust, weeks/months- they are all individuals.

- YES
- NO
- OTHER

Will you agree to return this pet to OCHS if for any reason they can no longer stay with you?

- YES
- NO
- OTHER

I certify that the information I have given is true and that any misrepresentation of facts may result in losing the privilege of adopting a pet. I understand that the Oneida County Humane Society has the right to deny my request to adopt an animal and I authorize them to contact my landlord, references & veterinarians/clinics to investigate all the statements made on this application.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_