***Adoption Application***

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 the adoption is in the animals 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. Any adopted 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
* Have verifiable identification showing present address
* Be able and willing to spend 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 on a first come first serve basis. The animal will go to the family that will provide the best home for this particular animal.

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Employer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. I am interested in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Is this your first experience with a pet? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Please circle any of the following reasons for adopting this pet... watchdog, companion, barn cat/mouser, breeding, hunting, family pet, child’s pet, guard dog for business

4. Do you own any other pets at the present time?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ What kind? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/Neutered? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Current on their shots?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you familiar with licensing laws in your City or Town?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you previously owned dogs and/or cats?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Who is/was your veterinarian?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you live in a house, apartment, condo, mobile home, duplex? (Circle One)

9. Do you own or rent? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Landlord's name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. How many members are in your household? adults\_\_\_\_ children\_\_\_\_

11. How many hours a day will your pet be alone?\_\_\_\_\_ Will your pet be kept indoors /outdoors?

12. How will you exercise your dog? fenced\_\_\_\_\_ yard\_\_\_\_\_leash\_\_\_\_

13. Have any of the household members been convicted of an animal related crime (neglect, abuse, running at large) or any other criminal convictions that may cause your application to be denied? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, please explain on the back.)

14. Dogs and Cats often live more than 15 yrs. Are you ready to be responsible for this pet for its entire life?\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. Will you agree to return this pet to OCHS if for any reason he/she can no longer stay with you? \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide 2 non-related references**

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

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**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 of the statements made on this application.**

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