

Staff only:

Application taken by: _____ Date Taken: _____ Time Taken _____ Animal ID # _____
Dog _____ Cat _____ Location _____ S/N _____ Not Approved _____ Approved: _____
Adoption Date: _____ Adopter notified? _____



Forsyth County Department of Animal Control

Adopter Profile

Welcome to the Forsyth County Animal Shelter. We are pleased that you have decided to give a homeless animal a second chance. The purpose of our adoption program is to find responsible homes for animals suitable as family pets. Thank you for filling out this profile.

You must be 18 years of age or older to sign the adoption application and contract

- Name _____
- Address _____
- City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____
- Drivers License # _____ Phone # _____ Email: _____
- Place of Employment: _____ Work # _____

Housing: Own () Rent () Live with Parents () We must have written permission from the head of household before we can process your application.

If you rent, does your landlord allow pets? _____

Emergency Contact (just in case someone finds your pet when you're away from home):

Name _____
Home Phone _____
Work/Cell Phone _____

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Adoption Application & Profile

Welcome to the Forsyth County Animal Shelter. We are pleased that you have decided to give a homeless animal a second chance. The purpose of our adoption program is to find responsible homes for animals suitable as family pets. Before you begin the search for your new companion we would like you to consider a few things:

- **Why do you want a pet?** This is an important question as silly as it may sound. Really, ask yourself and your family if applicable.
- **Do you have time for a pet?** Caring for a pet is hard work! Daily exercise, socialization with strangers, new environments, other animals. What if you're feeling overwhelmed with work, children, illness, your pet is still counting on you to provide for it. Do you travel often? Many animals are turned into our shelter because their caretakers didn't realize the amount of time it would take to care for an animal.
- **Can you afford a pet?** Pets can be expensive. Veterinary care, food, toys, proper housing, accidents that require medical treatment, boarding, heartworm prevention, flea and tick prevention, some animals require regular visits to a groomer.
- **Is it OK with your landlord?** Many rental properties don't allow pets, and some have restrictions based on size and in some instances breed.
- **Is your housing situation appropriate for the type of pet you are considering?** The size of the animal is something to consider but it's important to remember that size does not necessarily mean the animal will be harder to handle. Some terriers require major amounts of exercise while a 80lb lab mix may be happy to spend it's time lounging on the floor all day.
- **Will you be a responsible pet owner?** Are you prepared to dedicate time to keeping your pet safe from theft, harsh weather, overzealous children, unsocialized animals? Are you willing to respond to any special needs your pet may develop? What of he/she doesn't care for other dogs? What if he is destructive when left alone? Do you know how to houstrain/littertrain your pet? Can you be sure you will keep his vaccinations up to date? County Licenses?
- **It's a lifetime commitment:** If you move will you make accommodations for your pet? Will you search for pet friendly housing? Many animals come to our shelter because their caretakers have not made the necessary arrangements to take their pet with them. There are many options available to you if you move. Let us know several months in advance and we can provide you with resources.
- **What about the kids?** How will your children respond to a new pet? Are you willing to teach them humane and safe behavior around animals? Each member of the household should be involved in caring for the new pet.
- **We have a variety of pets to choose from.** Many of our adoptable animals were surrendered by their owners. Oftentimes the previous owner will share background information about their former pet. For instance, some of our dogs spent the majority of their time outside; while others were strictly indoors. This kind of information can help you find a pet that fits your lifestyle. We will be happy to share what background information we have with you.

Adopter Survey

You and your Household:

- My family consists of: Adults # _____ Children # _____
- Have you considered where your new pet will spend the day? _____ night? _____
- Are your current pets licensed? _____ If not, we would be happy to assist you. County licenses are available at the front desk. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required. The cost is \$5 for spayed/neutered pets and \$25 for unaltered pets.

Please list all pets currently at home and any that you have owned in the past three years

| Pet's Name | M / F | Dog Cat Other | Breed/Species | Age | Is the Pet Spayed or Neutered? | Where is the pet kept? | What happened to the pet? |
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- Do you understand that the Forsyth County Animal Shelter makes no representations or guarantees about any animal's temperament and that any comment that an animal may be good with children or other animals or is housebroken is based upon information provided by the previous owner and not a guarantee? Yes () No ()
- Do you understand and agree that Forsyth County and its Animal Shelter will not be liable for any future injury or damage that may be caused by this animal? Yes () No ()
- Do you understand and agree that Forsyth County and its Animal Shelter makes every effort to adopt only healthy animals but makes no guarantees or representations about any animal's health and will not be liable for any future veterinary care or treatment the animal may need? Animals adopted may have been exposed to various diseases from proximity to other animals. In addition, the physical condition of some animals may be less than ideal due to conditions the animal may have endured before arriving at the shelter. Yes () No ()

Thank you for completing this profile. Please sign below and see the next page to review adoption requirements

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff Comments:

Adoption Requirements

1. Applicants for animal adoption must be at least 18 year of age.
2. Applicants must agree to abide by the all county animal ordinances establishing the care, control and registration standards for animal ownership within the county.
3. All dogs and cats are required to be spayed or neutered before the adoption transaction is complete. If the attending veterinarian chooses to postpone the spay/neuter surgery due to medical concerns I agree to return the animal to the attending veterinarian at the specified time for surgery.
4. If for any reason the adoption is not successful or the owner cannot keep the pet, we welcome you and your pet back. We recognize that not every pet adoption will be successful through no fault of the person or the pet.
5. If you give away your pet for any reason, it is important to notify animal control. This is vital because every adopted animal is licensed, micro chipped and vaccinated against rabies and we must be able update the microchip registration with the current owner information.
6. Animals cannot be adopted to persons owning other animals that do not have current rabies vaccinations and county license.
7. Photo identification is required at the time of the application and final adoption.
8. An animal **will not** be adopted to persons providing false information on the adoption application.

I agree to the above requirements and wish to adopt a pet.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

To be Completed by Shelter Staff

Reviewed By _____ Date _____

CONTACT HISTORY:

Date/Time _____ Reviewer initials _____

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