

Pet Project Inc.

Cat Adoption Application

Please fill out, save file to your computer as a Word document or PDF, and e-mail as an attachment to:

petprojectinc@gmail.com

OR

Print, fill out by hand, and mail it to: Pet Project Inc, 2676 E 2575th Rd, Marseilles, IL 61341

PPI is dedicated to finding the very best homes for our shelter cats. To meet this goal, we carefully scrutinize all applications. We check all veterinarian and personal references and confirm rental arrangements with landlords. If you are serious about adopting a cat, please complete the application IN FULL. Questions left blank will only slow the adoption procedure.

Please CHECK or FILL IN the appropriate choices throughout this questionnaire.

Name _____ Driver's License# _____

Street address _____ P.O. Box _____ City _____

State ____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Occupation: _____ Company: _____

Work Address: _____ Work Phone _____

Married _____ Single _____ Roommates _____ Date of Birth: _____

What is the name or names of the cat(s) you are applying for?

How many adults in household? _____ Children: _____

Ages and Gender of Children in Household:

Do you RENT or OWN? House Townhouse Condo Apartment Trailer

How long at this address: _____

If you rent, do you have landlord's permission to keep a cat? Yes No

Landlord: _____ Landlord Phone# _____

If you move where cats are not allowed, what would you do with the cat?

_____ How
did you hear about our adoption program?

Pet Finder____Adopt a Pet ____ Friend/family____Newspaper ____ RadioStation____ Other____
Please list your current veterinarian _____Address _____

Current Pets

Type _____
Age _____ Sex _____
Spayed/Neutered Yes No
Kept Inside Outside Both
How long have you owned this pet?_____

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Cat Experience

First Time Owner
Have had one or two
Knowledgeable & Experienced

Time Away From Home

Home all day
Out part-time
Away 7-10 hours daily

Home Atmosphere

Grand Central Station
Some activity
Quiet

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand the following:

1. That the above statements about myself and my history with companion animals are true and correct. I understand that PPI reserves the right to refuse any applicant for any reason at any time. Any misrepresentation of facts will result in my application being rejected. By signing this document I verify that I am of 21 yrs. of age or older. My signature to this application also allows my present (or previous) veterinarian or animal hospital/clinic to release the requested information to a PPI volunteer regarding my current or previously owned pets for the purpose of my eligibility in adopting a new pet.
2. I will not hold PPI or any of its volunteers or representatives responsible for any damage/injury to myself/family members/others or my property incurred once the animal has been released from their care.

I certify that the above information is true and correct:

Signature_____ Date _____

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL

Bringing Home a New Cat

Whether your new cat is coming from a shelter, a home, an urban street or a country barn, the first twenty-four hours in your home are special and critical. Before you bring a new cat into your life, it helps to understand a little bit about how cats relate to their world.

For the cat, territory is of paramount importance. A cat views his territory the way most of us view our clothes; without them, we feel naked and vulnerable. Place us naked in a room filled with strangers and most of us would try to hide! It is common for cats, regardless of whether they come from homes or streets, to hide in a new territory. Very sensitive or under-socialized cats often hide for a week or more! You know that this cat is now a member of the family, but the cat doesn't.

You can help make the transition to a new home smoother and easier by providing some privacy for your new cat. If possible, start by preparing your home before you bring in the cat. Choose a room for the litter box; a bathroom works well. Set up the litter box with one to two inches of litter, and place it in a corner, if possible.

Now create a safe haven for the cat to hide in. You can buy a covered cat bed but a cardboard box turned upside down with two "doors" cut in it will work nicely. Why two "doors?" Many cats seem to feel more secure if they have a second "escape" route. Get a box big enough for the cat to stand up, turn around, stretch out and lie down in -- but keep it cozy! Place the box next to the wall or in a corner where the cat can see the door to the room. You don't want the cat to feel trapped. Place a sisal, cork or corrugated cardboard scratching post next to it. Finally, clear off a shelf for the cat to perch on to view his new world.

After you have prepared the bathroom, cat-proof every other room of your home. Are there raised surfaces for the cat? If the answer is "no," make some! Cats need to be able to jump up and survey their territory. Do you have valuable mementos that are easily broken? Put them away until your cat is happily moved in. Check out all the nooks and crannies. Are there places that could be dangerous for the cat to explore or hide in? If so, block them off. Finally, put a scratching post or pad in every room.

If circumstances require that you bring in the cat before your home is ready, keep him in his carrier until you have his room set up! He will be fine in there for a while longer. Opposite the litter box, place a bowl of fresh water. After the room is set up, place the carrier next to the "safe haven." Close the bathroom door before opening the carrier. Do not pull the cat out. Allow him to come out on his own and begin to explore his new home. Now, leave the room. Yes, leave...remember you are giving him time to acclimate. Go and prepare a small amount of a premium quality cat food. Quietly place it next to the water bowl.

Do not reach for the cat! Let the cat come to you. If he doesn't approach, come back in fifteen minutes. Do not be surprised if he doesn't eat. It is common for re-homed cats to show no interest in eating, often for several days. Pick up the leftovers and leave. Come back in a couple of hours with a fresh meal of the same high-quality food. If the cat is openly soliciting affection, eating and not hiding, you can open the door and give him one more room. Do this slowly until you have introduced the cat to all the rooms in his new home.

Remember to let the cat set the pace. Be patient. It may take weeks for the cat to comprehend that this foreign turf is his new territory.

Initials _____ Date _____