

**Humane Society of Nelson County
ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Name _____ Date _____ Name of Pet _____
Requested

Address _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Phone(s) _____ Email _____

To adopt an animal, you must be at least 18 years of age and have identification showing your present address. If you rent, you must have the consent of your landlord.

The following information is requested in order to help you select a pet most compatible with your family and lifestyle. Our number one priority is to place a pet in a permanent, responsible home where the pet will be a valued family member. The Humane Society of Nelson County reserves the right to refuse adoption if determined to be in the best interest of the animal and/or the person(s) involved.

Please fill out the following questionnaire, including the section for either a dog or a cat adoption. Circle your answer or fill in the blank.

1. What kind of pet are you here to adopt? Dog Puppy Cat Kitten Other _____

2. Why do you want a pet? _____

3. Do you have any preferences as to breed, color, sex, age, size, length of hair, etc?
Yes No If yes, list features important to you. _____

4. Would this be your first experience owning a pet? Yes No

5. What pets do you currently have in your household?

Name _____ Dog Cat Age ___ Spayed/Neutered? Yes No Kept Inside/Outside

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(If more, briefly describe as above) _____

6. How many other pets have you owned in the past 5 years? _____
What became of them? _____

7. Who is your veterinarian? _____ Phone _____
Do we have your permission to ask your vet to give you a reference? Yes No

8. Do you currently live in a: house apartment condominium mobile home

9. Do you: own rent live with parent/guardian live with roommate
10. If you rent, does your lease allow pets? Yes No
11. If you rent, what is your landlord's name? _____ Phone _____
12. How long have you lived at the above address? _____
13. How many people live in your household? _____
 Do all of the adults know and approve of your adopting a pet? Yes No
 If there are children, what are their ages? _____
14. Do you or does anyone living in your household have any known allergies to animals? Yes No If yes, to what kind of animal and how severe is the allergy?

15. Who will be responsible for the care of this pet? _____

Fill out this section for a cat or kitten adoption:

1. Circle the reason(s) that you want to adopt a cat or kitten:
 Family Pet Adult Companion Child's Pet (give ages of children) _____
 Companion for another pet Mouser Barn Cat Gift
 Other reason _____
2. Will the cat be kept: Inside Outside Both
 If outdoors any time, give approximate distance to main road _____
3. Where will the cat stay while owners are gone during work or school day?
 Garage Outside Loose in home Confined to area in home Barn Other _____
4. On average, how many hours will the cat spend alone each day without human companionship? _____
5. Do you plan to declaw the cat you adopt? Yes No If yes, why? _____
6. Would you declaw the cat if it became destructive or aggressive? Yes No
7. What problems would constitute a reason for giving up your cat? _____

Fill out this section for a puppy or dog adoption:

1. Circle the reason(s) that you want to adopt a dog or puppy:
Family Pet Adult Companion Child's pet (give ages of children) _____
Companion for another pet Watch Dog Gift Other _____
2. Are you willing to housetrain a puppy or dog? Yes No
3. Are you familiar with crate training? Yes No
Have you crate trained other dogs you've owned? Yes No
4. Will the dog be kept: Inside Outside Both
5. Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No
If no, give approximate distance to nearest road: _____
6. How will you keep your dog confined to your property when outside?
(circle or underline all that apply)
Fenced yard Kennel Garage On Leash Chained
Other _____
7. Are you familiar with the leash and licensing laws in your community? Yes No
8. Where will the dog stay while owners are gone during work or school day?
Outside in kennel Outside on chain Loose in house Confined to area in house
Other _____
9. On average, how many hours will the dog spend alone each day without human companionship? _____
10. Do you plan on obedience training your dog? No Yes --On your own on in classes?
11. What problem(s) would constitute a reason for giving up your dog? _____

Do Not Write Below This Line – For Shelter Staff Only

Veterinary reference _____ Landlord Approval _____

Approval _____ Specific Pet Requested _____

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