

# Forsyth County Department of Animal Control

## Adoption Requirements

1. Applicants for animal adoption must be at least 18 year of age.
2. All applicants must furnish two personal references. Please, no family members.
3. Applicants must agree to abide by the all county animal ordinances establishing the care, control and registration standards for animal ownership within the county.
4. 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.
5. Very young children and small puppies and kittens do not always mix and children are often bitten or scratched as a result of inadvertently holding or picking up a young animal in the wrong way. In households where there are children under the age of 6 years, applications for adoption of puppies and kittens under 5 months of age shall be evaluated by the following guidelines:
  - Compatibility between the child and the animal, which will be evaluated by Animal Shelter staff prior to adoption.
  - The child's previous experience with other animals.
6. Puppies (aged five months and younger) are generally not adopted into a home where there is no one home during the daytime for more than five consecutive hours. A puppy needs to be socialized with people on a consistent basis in order to become a good companion. A puppy cannot learn to be housebroken if there is no one home to take him/her outside for training. Puppies are like children - they need supervision to teach them right from wrong. Applicants who cannot be home to train a puppy are encouraged to consider adopting an older animal.
7. Applicants who rent their home/apartment must present written permission from the landlord or owner of the residence that states whether there are weight/size restrictions. ***We must receive written permission from the landlord within 24 hours of the application being filed. If not received within that time, we will cancel the application and make the animal available for adoption.***
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Animals are placed as companion animals, not as guard dogs or mousers.
11. Animals cannot be adopted to persons owning other animals that do not have current license registrations, vaccinations and/or appropriate veterinary care including heartworm test and prevention for dogs and feline leukemia/FIV test and prevention for cats, or who own unlicensed dogs.
12. No animals will be adopted to persons having a history of ordinance violations, losing, giving away or selling animals, or having animals injured or killed by moving vehicles.
13. Photo identification is required at the time of the application and final adoption.
14. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff only:** Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Taken \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel/cage # \_\_\_\_\_  
Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Cat \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_  
S/N surgery done? \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Adoption Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter notified? \_\_\_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_



## Forsyth County Department of Animal Control 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. Thank you for filling out this profile. The information you provide will help us help you find the best pet for you and your family.

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

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
- Drivers License # \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Housing (Check all that apply) Own ( ) Rent ( ) Live with parents ( ) Apartment ( )  
Mobile home ( ) Condo ( ) Military ( )

If you rent, Animal Control must receive **written** permission from your landlord. If we do not receive written permission by \_\_\_\_\_ your application will be cancelled.

Landlord's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide two (2) references, preferably from Forsyth County (*not a family member*) who we may  
contact between the hours of 8am and 5pm:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**You and your Household:**

First time pet owner? ( ) Have owned pets in the past ( )

- My family consists of: Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_
- Who will be responsible for your pet? \_\_\_\_\_
- If adopting a dog, how will he or she be restrained? \_\_\_\_\_
- If adopting a cat, how will it be restrained? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where will your new pet spend the day? \_\_\_\_\_ The night? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have a fenced yard or dog run? Yes ( ) No ( ) If yes, please describe the enclosure, including the height and size of fence:  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Other pets currently at home? Yes ( ) No ( ) Do they have current vaccinations? Yes ( ) No ( )
- Are they currently licensed with FCAC? Yes ( ) No ( )
- Are you familiar with local animal ordinances? ( ) Yes ( ) No
- If you move in the future, what will you do with your pet? \_\_\_\_\_
- How much time would you allow your new pet to adjust to your family and/or present pets? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are the other members of the household in agreement concerning the adoption of an animal? YES ( ) NO ( )
- Have you considered the daily expenses for maintaining an animal? (Medical, food, grooming, etc.) YES ( ) NO ( )
- Are you familiar with humane procedures for housebreaking? YES ( ) NO ( )
- If a behavior problem arises, are you prepared to invest the time and expense for training? YES ( ) NO ( )

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

Pet's Name	M / F	Dog or Cat?	Breed	Age	Is the Pet Spayed or Neutered?	Where is the pet kept?	What happened to the pet?

- Name and phone number of your veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 the profile . Please sign below and see the next page to review adoption requirements***

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## To be Completed by Shelter Staff

Application taken by: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT HISTORY:

Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer initials \_\_\_\_\_

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### Adoption Information Checklist (To be reviewed by counselor with adopter after pet is selected)

#### Health Issues

- \_\_\_\_\_ Incubation of disease/risk
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signs/symptoms of disease
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccinations given
- \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule of vaccinations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Physical Exam given
- \_\_\_\_\_ Heartworm/Feluke tests
- \_\_\_\_\_ Grooming needs

#### Training issues

Dogs:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Crate training
- \_\_\_\_\_ Housebreaking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chewing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Biting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jumping
- \_\_\_\_\_ Barking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Socialization
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sit for everything
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consistency
- \_\_\_\_\_ Training classes

Cats:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Inside only
- \_\_\_\_\_ Litter box
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scratching
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other pets
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consistency

#### Legal Responsibilities:

- \_\_\_\_\_ License annually
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies vaccinations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wearing tags
- \_\_\_\_\_ Running at large
- \_\_\_\_\_ Shelter

#### Contractual issues:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Vet exam
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medical costs

Counselor's initials \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's initials \_\_\_\_\_