

Cat Adoption Criteria

In order to be considered for adoption, you must:

- Be 21 years old or older
- Live within 100 miles of Franklin, PA (zipcode: 16323)
- Have identification showing your current address
- Be able to provide us with a vet reference for any animal currently in your care or in your care within the past 10 years
- Have the knowledge and consent of your landlord if renting, or insurance company if owning (verification is done)
- Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide medical attention and proper care for your new pet
- Permit a home visit to your place of residence with all adults present
- Provide permission to contact references, veterinarians, and landlords to verify information

Depending upon other circumstances you may be required to provide:

- Proof that homeowner's insurance covers certain breeds if you are applying for a dog breed often deemed high risk for insurance
- A fenced backyard
- Commitment to enroll in obedience classes or provide special accommodations for special needs animals

Furthermore, by completing this application, I understand the following:

Precious Paws Animal Rescue (PPAR) reserves the right to refuse adoption or placement to anyone. Adoption approval or refusal decisions are made solely at the discretion of PPAR. Falsifying information on the application will result in disqualification from adoption.

PPAR will contact my references and validate all information in this application.

PPAR reserves the right to remove any animal adopted by us from adoptive home should the situation not be suitable for the animal or the living conditions change drastically from the time of adoption.

PPAR retains ownership of the animal and adoptive parents may NOT give away or sell the pet they have adopted. If they are unable to keep the animal, they must return it to PPAR.

Do you have other pets currently?	Type	Number
Are your current cats declawed?		
If you have other pets, are they current on vaccinations and negative for infectious diseases?		
Have all of the pets you have owned been spayed/neutered? If no, please explain why not.		
Has any pet in your household ever been diagnosed with Feline Leukemia, Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP), or Feline AIDS?		
How do you envision a pet fitting into your home, schedule, indoor / outdoor, activities, exercise?		
Is this pet going to be kept: <input type="checkbox"/> Totally inside <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly Inside <input type="checkbox"/> Totally Outside <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly outside		
How long each day will the pet be alone?		
Where will the pet sleep?		
Who in the family will be primarily responsible for the daily care of the pet? _____		
The clean-up? _____ the training? _____ the vet & food bills? _____ the exercise? _____		
Who would care for your pet if you had to be hospitalized?		
What will you do with the pet when you go on vacation?		
When you travel with the pet, where will it ride?		
Where will the pet be when you are at home?		When you are away?
Do you live on or near a main road?		
Do you have screens on all of your windows?		
Which veterinarian will you use? We will contact your veterinarian to ensure that your past/present pets are current on vaccinations.		
Name _____ Clinic Name _____		
Address _____		
Phone _____		
May I or a representative visit your home? What is the best time to visit?		
Please describe any physical and/or character attributes which are of particular importance to you in the pet you are seeking at this time.		
36). Please provide the names, addresses. and phone numbers of at least three references. Do not include members of your household or immediate family members.		
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Precious Paws Animal Rescue does not sell animals, nor do we make a profit from placing animals. Our animals are taken from private owners, shelters, etc, given proper veterinary care, spayed/neutered, evaluated for temperament, and then placed in permanent adoptive homes. We ask a \$50 donation adoption fee per cat to help defray the costs of medical care for the animals, which averages approximately \$140/cat.

Precious Paws Animal Rescue reviews the suitability of all applicants and reserves the right to refuse adoption to any party at our discretion. Due to the difficulty in making home visits and transports, we do not adopt beyond a 100 mile radius from Franklin, PA without express written agreement.

Please read and initial each line below. This is a legally enforceable contract; please do not sign if you do not understand it. You may consult with your attorney if you wish before signing. Adoptions are not finalized until references have been checked and an adoption counselor has approved your application.

	I understand that Precious Paws Animal Rescue strongly discourages the declawing of cats. Before declawing the adopted cat, I will discuss other options with a representative of Precious Paws and my veterinarian. I agree that, if no reasonable alternative to declawing is found, only the front claws will be removed via laser surgery and only in cases where the pet is a strictly indoor pet. I WILL NOT subject the cat to a four-paw declaw. I understand that declawing causes physical pain to the animal for periods of time ranging from several days to several months and that it can also cause psychological damage to the pet, resulting in behavioral problems, such as litter box issues and aggression. I understand that removal of a cat's front claws destroys its primary natural defense mechanism.
	I understand that Precious Paws Animal Rescue strongly recommends that all adopted cats be kept indoors at all times to prevent injury and disease. I specifically agree to keep the adopted cat indoors at all times when I reside in a multi-family housing unit (apartment, condo, duplex, etc.). I agree to keep a collar and ID tag on the cat at all times for not less than one year after adoption, in case it escapes.
	I agree to provide the pet daily food and fresh water, shelter from extreme temperature and weather conditions and veterinary care to prevent and treat disease, illness, and injury. I also agree to keep the pet free of parasites (worms, fleas) and will ensure that it is treated in a humane manner at all times.
	I attest that I am not obtaining this cat for use in any kind of experimentation or for the sale to any agency that experiments on animals.
	I understand that there is a monetary cost associated with pet ownership. In addition to routine vaccinations and screening tests, pets may need veterinary care for treatment of illness or injury. I attest that I am both financially able and willing to accept full responsibility for this pet.
	I will take the animal to a veterinarian within 30 days of adoption to establish medical care for my new pet. This includes purchasing flea control, booster vaccinations, and other recommended services.
	I agree that all future medical treatments are my responsibility, unless PPAR has agreed to pay for them in this contract as indicated herein: _____
	Precious Paws does not necessarily know the nature of the animal or its characteristics, and gives no warranties, expressed or implied of the temperament or fitness. I confirm that I have been provided information on the pet's current health status, noting any known pre-existing conditions. I understand that the pet is delivered "as is" and no additional liability for this pet, either financial or legal, is provided. I understand that the cat should be isolated for a period of time from my own cats, to the extent possible, in the event that it has been exposed to any type of illness.
	I understand that this pet has social and emotional needs, as well as physical ones. I am prepared and able to devote time and attention to the pet to meet those needs. If I am adopting a cat, I will keep indoors at all times, unless otherwise noted: _____
	If I decide, for any reason, that I cannot continue to care for the pet, I will notify Precious Paws immediately and arrange for the animal to be placed into the care of Precious Paws. I will not turn it over to an animal shelter, other rescue organization, person or have it destroyed.
	I relieve Precious Paws of all liability and responsibility for damage or injury to persons, property, or other animals caused directly or indirectly by the pet.
	I agree to notify Precious Paws if the cat is lost or dies within one year.

	I grant permission to Precious Paws to verify information provided in my Application, including, but not limited to payment of required pet deposits and verification of veterinary care for both this adopted animal and any animal owned previously.
	I understand that it is the responsibility of the new owner to see that the animal complies with all health regulations and other applicable ordinances. This includes, but is not limited to, vaccinations to prevent rabies and local pet licensing laws.
	I confirm that I am making a long term commitment to the ownership of this pet. Precious Paws has informed me of the animal's estimated current age, and I understand the life expectancy of the pet may exceed 20 years. I understand that changes in my life-style or family composition do not relieve me of my responsibility to the pet.
	I understand that children are not fully capable of caring for a pet and that primary responsibility of the pet rests on the adopter. I will provide appropriate supervision and instruction on proper handling of pets to children in my household.
	I confirm that I am adopting the pet as a personal companion, that it will reside at my primary residence and that I am not acquiring this pet solely for use as a guard animal.
	I agree that the adoption donation of \$_____ is NON-REFUNDABLE even if the animal is returned to Precious Paws, and that Precious Paws is adopting not selling this pet to me.
	I understand that failure to comply with any of the conditions of this agreement constitutes just cause for Precious Paws to revoke the adoption arrangement, and to remove said animal from my ownership and care, at which time full ownership of the pet will revert back to Precious Paws Animal Rescue.
	I agree to pay Precious Paws the sum of \$1000 as liquidated damages in the event the terms of this contract are breached. This liquidated damage value being agreed to for the purpose of establishing value of this pet and does not bar Precious Paws from seeking return of the pet by judicial process or other legal means. I agree to pay all court costs and attorney's fees incurred by Precious Paws if necessary to enforce this contract.
	Other special conditions of adoption:

By signing below, I confirm that all information in this application is correct and complete and authorize my landlord and veterinarian to release information confirming this application for verification. Failure to provide accurate information will forfeit my adoption fee and revert ownership of this animal to Precious Paws Animal Rescue.

Adopter: _____ Date: _____

Precious Paws Adoption Counselor: _____

Return to: PPAR, PO Box 784, Franklin, PA 16323 or email AdoptPreciousPaws@gmail.com

<i>For Precious Paws Use Only:</i>	
Animal Number: _____	Animal's Name: _____
Dog/Cat/Other _____	DOB: _____
Color: _____	Sex: M F
	Breed/Description: _____

Follow-Up Information:

Follow-up performed by and date:

Follow-up Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Postal Mail

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