



Considerations

Before Adopting an **Indoor Only** Cat From Us
We adopt to homes that agree to **not DECLAW**.

Please initial here _____ after reading this form and return this form to the PetsMart employee assisting you with this adoption. Your initial, on this form, signifies you have read this and understand everything written here. Once all paperwork is completed and returned to St. Francis, a copy of your paperwork will be mailed to you.

1. The adoption of a pet is a serious decision. It should not be entered into without careful thought. Owning a pet is a large financial and emotional responsibility. This animal will depend on you for its happiness and health, and some animals are a 10 to 15, or more, year commitment.
2. All applications and documents must be filled out completely. **We must have a complete address and at least 2 phone numbers. We must also see an I.D. confirming your address (such as a driver's license). The PetsMart employee will make a copy of it to include in our records.** If our policies seem exaggerated or tough, please keep in mind some of our animals have been with us since birth. We have taken care of them in loving, foster homes and have come to love each and every one. We feel it is our responsibility and privilege to find them the best possible forever home. After reviewing your application, you will be informed if it is approved. We reserve the right to turn down any application if we feel the adoption isn't a good match.
3. Any animal adopted from us must have follow up vet care. You will be provided with an up to date health record for your new pet. And, you will be informed of any further treatments that are needed. We may confirm these things with your veterinarian so please list your current vet or the vet you intend to use on your application. **A vet must be provided before the adoption can be finalized. Not supplying a vet could result in our taking back our animal.**
4. Not all of our animals are tested directly for the feline leukemia and feline aids viruses. We test mothers of litters when the mother is available but we do not test her litter. If no mother is available, we test one sibling but not all siblings. If an only cat or kitten, we test the cat or kitten. We recommend all kittens be re-tested at 6 months of age. And, adult cats re-tested one month after the initial test. We believe our method of testing gives a fairly accurate picture of your new pet's health status. We cannot be held responsible for false negatives or any fallacy in our testing criteria. We suggest you re-test your new pet if you have any concern about their health status.

5. **If you live in rental property, we will confirm with your landlord that pets are allowed and that payment arrangements for pet deposits and fees have been made.** Our experience has shown that many animals are left homeless when landlords "discover" pets.

6. We will contact you after the adoption to see how the pet is doing and to set up a **home visit** where we can see the pet in its new surroundings. We like to make sure both the animal and the new owner are happy. Please make sure all personal information asked for on the adoption application is supplied. Again, our animals are very important to us. If an adoption isn't working, we want to help.

7. If, for some reason, you are not able to keep your pet, please return him/her to St. Francis Animal Welfare Group. If you know of another good home, let us have the opportunity to talk with them, before the animal is placed there. Please realize that any problems you have with your pet (housebreaking, chewing, etc.) should be dealt with like he/she is a member of your family. **Don't give up! Call us at 615-228-5335 if you have any questions or problems.**