



## **ADOPTION APPLICATION**

***The Animal Rescue And Protection Society, for your pet adoption.***

Dear potential adopter;

We hope you have visited our shelter, our page on one of the pet adoption sites or seen *TARPS TALK* in the paper. If you have found an animal you are interested in adopting, that is wonderful. We advise that you first contact the shelter manager to see if the animal is still available. Our phone number is 802-875-7777 and e-mail is [shelter@tarpsanimalsheltervt.org](mailto:shelter@tarpsanimalsheltervt.org).

Whether or not you have found an animal, you may fill out this form, print it and bring it with you to the shelter. Or if you'd like to move things along, fill out this form, mail or e-mail it to get pre-approved\* as an adopter.

**Please, read the adoption form carefully.** You must agree to all the terms to be considered as a TARPS' adopter. You will be asked to answer all the questions honestly, and to the best of your ability. We want to make sure both you and your new pet will be compatible with each other.

We look forward to meeting you. We hope we can help you find a new pet that you will enjoy for years to come.

Thank you,  
The Animal Rescue and Protection Society, Inc.

**\*Pre-approval:**

To be pre-approved for adoption we need your name address, phone and your veterinarian's phone number. Please make sure these required areas are filled out completely.



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Animal ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_

**A. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

(Your answers to these questions help us find the best match between you and the animals in our care.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ May we add you to our mailing list? \_\_\_\_\_

Own  Rent If renting, we need written "OK" from landlord.

Time lived here? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in household \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Who lives with or frequently visits with your pet \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have pets?  Yes  No If yes, list type of animal, age, sex, breed, spayed/neutered, whether it is current on shots

Do you intend for this cat to be an:  Indoor cat  Indoor and outdoor cat  Barn cat

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Have you had pets in the past?  Yes  No

If yes, list type of animal, how long you had your pet, why you no longer have it

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Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Give three references: list name; phone

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**B. OUR PET PLACEMENT POLICY**

1. Our purpose is to place a healthy animal in a responsible home, where it will receive affection, understanding, water, food, housing, and veterinary care when needed. The animal will be expected to become part of the family, and will not be allowed to roam free or add to the surplus of animals already in the community.
2. Animals will be placed with (legal aged) adults as household pets and treated as family members. Animals will not be placed, trained, or used as "Attack or Guard" dogs.
3. No animals will be adopted for someone else. No animals will be adopted as gifts.
4. No animal will be released unless it is guaranteed ample opportunity for adequate exercise under control (on a leash or halter, or in a fenced-in area) or under supervision. Note: A dog, while chained, does not get adequate exercise.
5. Failure to abide by the TARPS Pet Placement Policy will result in the return of the animal to TARPS.

**C. TERMS**

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_ will have any kitten vaccinated for rabies after 12 weeks of age. I will have any puppy vaccinated for rabies after 12 weeks of age and licensed when 6 months old. I will give the animals preventative health care through my veterinarian.
2. Any kitten, puppy or other animal that I adopt while too young to be spayed or neutered at adoption time, will be brought to Rockingham Veterinary Clinic or your veterinarian upon reaching the required age for the procedure. (6 months for female kittens or puppies, and 6-8 months for male kittens or puppies.) Other species of animals will be spayed or neutered at an age that is determined to be safe by TARPS' veterinarians.
3. A veterinarian may examine this animal within seven days of the adoption. If the examination discloses that the health of the animal is questionable, TARPS will be notified immediately. I may choose to keep and treat the animal as advised by my vet or return to TARPS and my adoption donation will be returned.
4. I will comply with all state and local ordinances regarding animal laws.

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5. I agree to care for this animal humanely, which includes (but is not limited to) water, food, shelter, exercise, affection, and all necessary vet care.

NOTE: NO CAT WILL BE DE-CLAWED AFTER ADOPTION. This practice is inhumane and not allowed by TARPS. There are many cats for adoption that have already been through this horrible procedure. We will be happy to help you find an already de-clawed cat for your family.

6. If I do not want to retain custody of this animal, I agree I will not sell, give away, dispose of, or trade this animal in any way, but will return the animal to TARPS or resettle with a family approved by TARPS.

7. I agree TARPS may make inquiry or examine this animal at any time, and if its condition or the condition in which it is living is not satisfactory, the animal will be reclaimed by TARPS immediately. I will notify TARPS within 24 hours of the loss or death of the animal, or a change of address.

8. Failure to comply with any contract terms may result in the return of this animal. I agree to reimburse TARPS for any legal costs incurred in the event that I violate this contract and I am required to return this animal.

9. I have read and agree to the Pet Placement Policy of TARPS and realize that failure to comply with the Pet Placement Policy could lead to the return of the animal(s) to TARPS.

**D. DISCLOSURE & RELEASE CLAUSE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ by signing, do state that I am aware:

1. Animals may have different responses to human actions than humans have.
  2. The actions of animals are often unpredictable.
  3. Animals should be closely supervised at all times when they are with children.
  4. An animal's behavior may change after it leaves TARPS and resides in a different home environment.
  5. TARPS makes no claims or representations as to the temperament of this particular animal, nor will I hold TARPS liable for the behavior of this animal after adoption. I agree to take full responsibility for any costs or damages incurred while this animal is in my care.
- I understand any sum given to TARPS is a donation. My donation amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached.  
RECOMMENDED AMOUNTS: \$75 for kittens; \$60 for an adult animal (one to five years old); \$50 (5 years and up)
  - I agree to all terms set forth in this contract. TARPS may reclaim the animal from me if I do not fulfill this agreement.

To be signed at the TARPS shelter:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

TARPS Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For our veterinarian needs, the TARPS organization utilizes the services of  
Vincent C. DiBernardo and Brandi Smith  
Rockingham Veterinary Clinic  
197 Lower Bartonville Road, Chester, VT 05143  
Tel: (802) 875-3985, Fax: (802) 875-3989

Feel free to contact TARPS at any time, if you have any questions about your new pet.