



PAWS of Southwest Virginia, Inc.  
P.O. Box 576  
Coeburn, VA 24230

# Adoption Application

If you are interested in adopting, please fill in your responses and Email it to: [pawsofswva@yahoo.com](mailto:pawsofswva@yahoo.com) or mail to:  
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**Our dogs/cats are not first come/first serve. We place our dogs/cats with the home that is the best fit for them. Not all animals are good in all homes, whether it's their personalities, nature, or breed. We base our decision on what's best for the dog/cat and the family. Thanks for understanding!**

**Adoption Fee is to be paid by Money Order or Cash—No Checks please.**

Please email this application to [pawsofswva@yahoo.com](mailto:pawsofswva@yahoo.com) and include  
"[pet name] Adoption Application" in the subject line.

Date:  Rescue Animal you are interested in:

Name:  Email:

Facebook Page:

Phone: Home  Work  Cell

Address:

City:  State:  Zip:

Place of Employment:

Occupation:

Type of Home: ☐ House ☐ Apartment ☐ Condo ☐ Townhouse

Other:

Do you rent or own your home? ☐ Rent ☐ Own

If you rent, are pets allowed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Landlord's first and last name, and number:

**\*Please understand that we will verify with your Landlord before we adopt a pet to you.**

Two personal references NOT RELATED to you (First and last name and phone #:

How long have you been at your current residence?

Do you plan to move within a year and if so will your pet go with you?

☐

Yes

☐

No

Please list name, age, and relationship of other people living in your home:

Explain reason you want to adopt a rescued pet: (family pet, companion, gift, other)

Who will be the primary caregiver of this animal?

If you have previously owned any animals, what kind of animals did you own and for how long? Give names of the pets and reason and approximate dates of disposition of pets (i.e. rehomed, deceased, etc.)

If you no longer own animals, tell us why. Please be specific.

Please provide the following information for each companion animal living in your home:

| Type of Animal | Name & Breed | Gender | Age | Spayed/Neutered<br>Yes/No | Vaccines current?<br>Yes/No | Good with<br>other<br>animals? |
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Veterinarian name and phone number:

**\*Please be aware that we will contact your vet for a reference.**

Are you looking for an indoor or outdoor companion? ☐ Indoor ☐ Outdoor

What activity level would you like this pet to have? ☐ Low ☐ Medium ☐ High

Are you committed to providing this pet with the necessary medical care and training to ensure his/her well being in your home for his/her lifetime? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What characteristics are you looking for in a new companion animal? (i.e. playful, calm, shy, affectionate, likes cats, likes dogs, likes kids, indoor pet, short hair, medium hair, long hair), male, female

On average, how many hours per day will this animal be left alone in your home?

Where will this animal be kept when unsupervised?

Where will this animal sleep at night?

Do you have a fenced yard? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, how will you keep the animal on the property?

How will this animal get exercise?

Will you be enrolling your dog/puppy in obedience class? ☐ Yes ☐ No?

Have you previously trained a dog? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you familiar with crate training? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you familiar with house training? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If adopting a cat do you plan to let your new cat outside? ☐ Yes ☐ No Please explain the reason for your decision.

Do you plan to declaw your cat? ☐ Yes ☐ No Please explain the reason for your decision.

What types of socialization opportunities will your dog/puppy have?

Are you aware that changing a pet's environment (particularly cats) may cause the animal to have accidents or other behavioral issues? ☐ Yes ☐ No

AND are you willing to give the pet time to adjust to its new environments? Yes ☐ No ☐

If behavioral issues should be encountered with your new pet what actions would you take?

Where would your pet stay if you are on vacation or away from home?

Under what circumstances would you return this animal to PAWS of SWVA?

Do you understand if you are unable to care for the adopted animal for any reason it is to be returned to PAWS of SWVA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you understand that if for any reason we deem that this animal is not being cared for properly that you will be required to return the dog/cat to us immediately? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Note: Adding a new member to your family is a big decision—a life-long commitment. Please discuss this decision with your entire family. We would like everyone to be excited about the new addition and not to be surprised when we call to set up a home visit. It would save us time that we could put into the animals, and you heart-ache in the long run. Thank you.**

☐ I attest that I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment. I have the legal right to adopt an animal.

Electronic Signature: \*

Please type your First and Last Name

☐ I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature.

Date:

**ATTENTION: We do verify your references and contact the landlord if you rent. This is not an indication of approval, it is just part of our review process. We usually receive more than one application to review on each pet and will notify you once a decision has been made.**

***Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescued pet!***