



## REQUEST TO ADOPT A FELINE COMPANION

All the animals in the care of the Neponset Valley Humane Society have been rescued by NVHS volunteers. Many have come from very sad and difficult circumstances. It is our goal to place these once abandoned pets in loving forever homes so they never have to suffer abandonment or neglect ever again. To this end, NVHS requires all potential adopters to complete an adoption application. The information gathered will enable us to help you and the animal. Our goal is for you and the animal to find a friendship that will last a lifetime. Thank you for providing the following information and helping us help the animals.

**You must be 21 years old and have a valid driver's license or picture ID to adopt a pet.**

Today's date:

Name of the cat you are interested in adopting:

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email address:

Home phone:

Work or Cell:

Occupation:

Do you:  Own your home  Rent your home

If renting please provide your landlord's name, address and phone:

How long have you lived at your present address?

Are you planning to change your residence within the next 12 months?  Yes  No

Number of people in your house:  Adults  Children

Ages of children living in your house:

Do you or anyone else in your household have allergies to cats?  Yes  No

Have you:  Never had pets  Had pets growing up  Always had pets

Have you ever adopted an animal from a shelter or humane society?  Yes  No

If yes, what organization and when?

Please list the pets you have had in the last 5 years:

Breed (cat, dog, other)	Age	Neutered?	Do you still have?

Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe the circumstances:

Who is / has been your veterinarian?

Veterinarian's Address / Phone:

Are you interested in adopting a  strictly indoor cat  indoor/outdoor cat?

Are you interested in adopting a  normal cat with claws  declawed cat?

*The Neponset Valley Humane Society is profoundly opposed to declawing. It is a painful and traumatic surgery equivalent to having the first digit of your fingers amputated. Many declawed cats develop permanent litterbox avoidance or antisocial behaviors. If you must have a declawed cat, please adopt one who is already declawed.*

Would you ever consider declawing the cat/kitten you are now considering adopting?  Yes  No

Have you ever had a cat declawed?  Yes  No

If yes, why?

Do you travel?  Yes  No

If yes, who will care for your new pet while you are away?

Cats often live longer than 15 years. Are you prepared to take responsibility for your new pet's entire life?

Yes  No

Please provide at least two personal references. Include their name, telephone number and how this person knows you and your ability to provide a good home for a cat:

Name:

Phone Number:

Address:

Relationship:

Name:

Phone Number:

Address:

Relationship:

## IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

Cats need to scratch. If you need information about scratching posts or cutting your new pet's nails, please discuss this with your adoption counselor.

Unless the cat you have chosen is specifically designated as an indoor/outdoor cat, we urge you to keep this cat indoors always. The days of cats roaming safely outdoors is behind us. Wildlife is more prevalent than ever in our backyards and outdoor domestic cats are increasingly becoming part of their food chain. Cars also are a huge danger to outdoor cats. Also consider fleas, ticks and leukemia. Cats are safest indoors.

Cats need veterinary care throughout their lives. Before deciding to adopt a cat, please be sure you've budgeted not only for food, but also for annual vaccines and check ups.

The Neponset Valley Humane Society is committed to doing our part to help end the problem of cat overpopulation. To that end, every cat adopted from NVHS will be spayed or neutered. Due to their young age, certain kittens may go to their new home prior to being altered. In this event, I agree to bring my kitten(s) for his or her surgery as scheduled by the NVHS volunteer adoption counselor.

I certify the information I have given is true, and I understand the Neponset Valley Humane Society may contact my veterinarian, personal references and landlord to verify the information on this form. I certify that I will not have my new cat or kitten declawed. I also agree that if the adoption does not work out for any reason or if I become unable to care for this cat at any point in time, I will contact the Neponset Valley Humane Society.

Adopter Signature:

*In our ongoing effort to decrease this very sad cat overpopulation problem, all cats adopted from NVHS are spayed/neutered. We request a donation in the amount of \$125-\$150 for an adult cat, minimum \$150 for a single kitten or \$275 for a pair of kittens to help offset our expenses for these necessary surgeries.*

*NVHS is an all-volunteer, all-foster care organization.  
100% of all donations are appreciated and go directly to the care of the animals.*