

REQUEST TO ADOPT A FELINE COMPANION

NVHS is an all-volunteer, all-foster care feline rescue organization. We do not have a shelter. 100% of all donations are appreciated and go directly to the care of the animals who come into our programs. Many of these cats have come from very sad and difficult circumstances. It is our goal to place these 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 find a companionship that will last a lifetime. Thank you for providing the following information and helping us help animals.

You must be 21 years old to adopt a pet. Are you 21 years or older? Yes ____ No ____

*Please be prepared to provide a copy of your license or valid form of ID.

Today's Date: _____ Name(s) of the cat(s) you're interested in adopting: _____

How did you hear about NVHS? _____

Have you applied to NVHS previously? Yes ____ No ____ Have you adopted from NVHS? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please provide your name if different now: _____

How did you hear about/where did you see the cat(s) listed for adoption? _____

Adopter(s) Name(s): _____

Please list the full names of any other adults who are part of the household:

#/Street: _____ Unit # ____ City, State, Zip : _____

Email Address: _____ Facebook address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer Name, Contact & Phone number for employment verification:

Residence:

How long have you lived at your present address? _____

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

Do you own or rent? Own ____ Rent ____ If renting, please provide your landlord's:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please be prepared to provide a copy of your lease's policy for pets or management's written approval for you to have a cat/cats.

Number of people in your house: Adults: _____ Children and ages: _____

Please describe any experience your child(ren) has had with cats and other pets?

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

Pet Ownership History:

Have you ever adopted an animal from a shelter or rescue? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, what organization, city/state and when? _____

Have you ever been denied adoption from a shelter or rescue? If yes, why?

Please briefly describe your past experiences as a pet owner – e.g. the environment your pet(s) had in your home, any difficulties you may have had with socialization, health or behavioral issues and how they were handled.

Please provide preferences for the type of pet(s) and age range you are looking for?

Are you open to: Special needs? Yes ____ No ____ Shy cats who are friendly and just need some time to adjust? Yes ____ No ____

Please describe how you would introduce your new pet(s) to your home and/or family or other pets?

Please list all of the pets you have had in the past 5 years:

Cat, dog, other?	Name	Age	Neutered	Still have?	If no, why?	Where/when did you get him/her?

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If you have other animals, please describe their experience with a cat/cats –

Have you ever surrendered a pet to a rescue or shelter? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please describe the circumstances:

Who is/has been your veterinarian? _____ How long have your pet(s) been a patient? _____

Please provide contact information and pet names they've treated:

Are you interested in: strictly indoor cat ___ indoor/outdoor cat ___ cat with claws ___ declawed cat ___

Have you ever had a cat declawed? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, when and why?

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

If yes, why? _____

Do you travel? Yes ___ No ___ How often? _____

If yes, who will care for your cat while you're away? _____

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

Reference #1:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Reference #2:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

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, our expectation is that you will keep the cat or cats you adopt from NVHS indoors always.

Please initial your understanding and agreement _____

If your philosophy differs and you don't wish to initial, please discuss with your adoption coordinator.

Cats often live longer than 15 years and need veterinary care throughout their lives. Before deciding to adopt, please be sure you've budgeted not only for food, but also for annual vaccines, checkups and potential emergencies. Be sure you are prepared to take responsibility for your new pet's throughout his/her entire life.

Please initial that you are prepared to provide food/supplies, routine veterinary and reasonable other health-related care. _____

I certify that I will **not have my new cat or kitten declawed**. Initials _____ Initials _____

I also agree that **if the adoption does not work out for any reason or if I become unable to care for this cat(s) at any point in time, I will contact Neponset Valley Humane Society.**

Initials _____ Initials _____

Please verify that **the cat(s) you are applying for is/are not on behalf of nor will be given to another person. If this is the case, please discuss this with the NVHS volunteer prior to beginning the adoption process.**

Initials _____ Initials _____

Acknowledgement:

I certify that the **information I have given is true**, and I understand NVHS may contact my veterinarian, employer, personal references, and landlord as applicable to verify this information.

Initials _____ Initials _____

NVHS 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, by signing below, you agree to bring your kitten(s) for his/her vaccines as needed and surgery as scheduled by one of the NVHS volunteers with one the veterinarians chosen by NVHS. NVHS is responsible for the cost of the vaccines as needed and spay/neuter procedure only. Any other procedures must be approved by an NVHS volunteer directly with the veterinarian prior to being done. At this time, NVHS does not microchip adopted cats.

If adopting jointly with partner/spouse, both must sign and initial where required.

Adopter(s) Signature/Date:

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Please consider ongoing-periodic donations to NVHS so we can continue our successful programs and give more adoptable cats the forever home they deserve.

*In our ongoing effort to decrease the very sad cat overpopulation problem, all cats adopted from NVHS are, at a minimum, vaccinated as needed and spayed/neutered. Adoption fees help offset a portion our expenses for their care while in our foster program, any medical treatment and the necessary vaccines, testing and spay/neuter surgeries. Fees will be discussed during the pre-adoption conversations. Please note, unless we have valid proof of a cat/kitten's age, NVHS defers to our veterinarians to determine age. Therefore, the age may or may not be exact, but is their best educated guess based on many determining factors. *Adoption fees may be waived for senior citizens who adopt a senior cat(s).*