



**Metro Public Health Dept**  
 Nashville / Davidson County  
 Promoting and Protecting Health

## PET ADOPTION APPLICATION AND TERMS

Metro Animal Care and Control  
 5125 Harding Place, Nashville, TN 37211  
 (615) 862-7928

Names		Home Phone	Cell Phone
Address			Zip
Driver's License or ID Number		State or Country of ID	Date of Birth
Email Address			Work Phone
Specify Animal	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Puppy <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Kitten Breed _____

- Is this pet specifically for you and your home?  Yes  If No, who & where: \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you had pets before?  Yes  No  Dogs  Cats Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why do you no longer have those pets? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have pets now?  Yes  No How many? \_\_\_\_\_  Dogs  Cats
- Do you live in a(n)  Home  Apartment  Mobile Home  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you live  in a residence you own,  with friends or family,  in a rented residence?  
 Landlord or Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Is this a  permanent or  temporary residence for you?
- Number of adults in household: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_
- How many hours per day will the pet be alone (on a regular basis)? \_\_\_\_\_
- Will the animal live  Inside or  Outside or  Both inside and outside?  
 If outside, do you have a fenced-in yard?  Yes  No Height \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you do not have a fence, how will you make sure the pet stays at home? \_\_\_\_\_
- The average cost of owning a dog is \$2,300 per year and \$1,100 for a cat. Do you have the ability to make this financial commitment?  Yes  No

By signing this application, I am aware of the following:

- Most shelter animals have unknown medical backgrounds. I am prepared to take this pet for a complete veterinary exam within 72 hours and to provide any necessary medical treatment at my own expense.
- If for some reason I am unable to care for my pet I will relinquish custody to Metro Animal Control unless otherwise agreed upon by Metro Animal Control.

Any additional information or concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

**The answers given on this application are true and complete, to the best of my knowledge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Prospective Adopter

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

On this date, I, the adopter, agree to the following terms and conditions for adopting an animal from Metro Animal Care and Control. By signing below, I acknowledge receipt from Metro Animal Care and Control of \_\_\_\_\_ (ID #), a \_\_\_\_\_ (Species), described as \_\_\_\_\_ (Breed). I also acknowledge that I am 18 years or older, and agree to be bound by and to comply with the following terms and conditions.

- I will provide adequate food, water, shelter, care, and kind treatment for the animal at all times.
- I will provide an outdoor dog with an appropriately-sized dog house, including a floor, roof, and three sides.
- I will bring the animal inside during severe weather.
- I will provide the animal with regular, positive interaction with humans.
- I will not train or use the animal to fight other animals or attack humans.
- I will have the animal properly immunized, including regular rabies vaccinations, and examined annually by a veterinarian.
- I will not sell or abandon the animal.
- I will not allow the animal to be used for purposes of experimentation or testing.
- I will not allow the animal to be confined by a rope, chain, or cord less than 15 feet long.
- I will not permit the animal to run at large or become a public nuisance, I will keep identification on the animal at all times, and I will immediately retrieve the animal from any public or private shelter when notified that the animal is being held at any such location. If the animal becomes lost, I will make every reasonable effort and attempt to relocate and claim the animal.
- I understand that if the animal is not spayed/neutered at the time of adoption, I will make an appointment to have a veterinarian or Metro Animal Care and Control sterilize the animal.
- If I return the animal to the shelter for any reason, I will at no time assess any claim, charge or demand of any kind or nature against Metro Animal Care and Control for any charges which may have been incurred by me, including veterinarian fees, in connection with the animal.
- I understand that the information provided to me about the animal I am adopting may have been received by Metro Animal Care and Control from third parties and that the shelter does not warrant the accuracy or correctness of such information.
- I understand that animals can be unpredictable and Metro Animal Care and Control cannot anticipate or ensure against unexpected conduct of adopted animals. I acknowledge that Metro Animal Care and Control has not made through its agents, volunteers, or employees, any warranties regarding the future condition, temperament, or conduct of the animal. I hereby accept the animal as is, assume all risks and responsibilities associated with ownership of the animal, including bites, and I hereby fully and completely release, indemnify and hold harmless Metro Animal Care and Control, its directors, officers, volunteers, agents, servants, and employees from any claim, cause of action or liability of any sort or nature, whether known or unknown, directly arising out of or in connection with the adoption, care or ownership, maintenance, retention, temperament, conduct or condition of the animal.

I hereby agree that violating any of these terms or conditions results in Metro Animal Care and Control having the immediate right to recover the adopted animal, and that these terms may be specifically enforceable by Metro Animal Care and Control through judicial proceedings, including the aforementioned right of Metro Animal Care and Control to recover the animal. I hereby agree that in the event I violate these terms and Metro Animal Care and Control files suit to enforce these terms or to defend any claim related to these terms, that I will pay any court costs and attorneys' fees incurred by Metro Animal Care and Control in connection herewith.

We cannot guarantee the health of the animal you have adopted. If your new pet becomes sick within 10 days, please return the animal to Metro Animal Care and Control, and our veterinarian will examine the animal. If you choose to take the animal to a private veterinarian, you will be responsible for all costs incurred.

The adoption fee will be refunded if the animal is returned to MACC, for any reason, within 10 days.

Signature of Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Adopter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_