

# Cat Application

The goal of Bedford Humane Society is to find accepting, permanent homes for the cats we rescue. The information on this form will help us to be certain that we are placing the cat with the right family to best fit the cat's personality and to meet the family's expectations.

Bedford Humane Society reserves the right to refuse adoption to anyone at any time.

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If the animal you are applying for is not old enough to be spayed or neutered, that animal is not available for adoption outside of the counties contiguous to Bedford County.

Please complete this application in full to prevent delayed processing.

Adoption fees will vary depending on age, breed, health and other factors.

Fields marked with an \* are required

\* Required

1. Email \*

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2. First name \*

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3. Last Name \*

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4. Date \*

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*Example: January 7, 2019*

5. Full Address \*

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6. Email \*

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7. Phone Number \*

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8. Best time to call

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9. Preferred method of contact

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☐ Email

☐ Text

☐ Call

10. Email (by providing your email address, you are also giving us permission to add you to our Supporter and Volunteer email lists. You can unsubscribe at any time. These lists are for BHS use only. We will never sell them or give them to any other organization)

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11. Animal's Name & Description \*

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Applicant information

12. Place of employment

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13. Please list your current pets and their health status. (Name - Dog/cat/other - Age - Spayed/Neutered - Vaccinations up to date? Yes/No)

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14. Do you rent or own at your current address?

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- ☐ Own your home  
☐ Rent your home

15. Please list the names, ages, and relationship of all of the tenants currently living with you.

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16. Does everyone in your household agree that you should adopt this animal at this time?

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- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

17. If no, why not?

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18. If you rent, are you allowed to have animals?

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☐ Yes

☐ No

19. If you rent, please list your landlord or rental company's number

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20. If you rent, would you be willing to send us a letter stating you are allowed to adopt and what size or animal(s) are applicable?

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☐ Yes

☐ No

#### Animal History

21. Please list all the animals (especially cats) you've owned in the last 5 years and what their current health status is:

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22. Why this cat? Why now?

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23. Is this cat a gift for a family member? \*

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☐ Yes

☐ No

24. If so, Who?

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25. Are you prepared to give this cat as much time as needed to settle in to become part of your family?

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☐ Yes

☐ No

26. How long do you expect you'll need to give this cat to settle in to become part of your family?

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27. Describe how you think you can ease this adjustment?

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28. If you have existing cats in the household, bringing in a new cat can sometimes be a long and difficult process. Are you prepared for separate litter boxes, separate food bowls, and even separate rooms, if necessary, until things settle down?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

29. Who is your current vet/vet clinic? \*

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30. Current Vet's Phone number \*

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31. May we contact your vet as a reference, and to assure the animal's health? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

32. If you have more records with a previous vet, please provide their name and phone number

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#### Home Information

33. This cat will be an

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- ☐ indoor cat  
☐ outdoor cat

34. Occasionally, despite being previously housebroken, a new cat may have some "accidents" before reverting to good toilet habits. How will you handle this?

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35. Cats scratch to mark their territory. Will you provide your new cat with a proper scratching post, and be patient while he/she learns to use it?

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

36. What methods of correction or redirection do you plan to use?

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37. Do you plan to de-claw your cat? \*

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☐ Yes

☐ No

38. Cats are excellent jumpers and climbers. How will you teach yours his/her boundaries in and around the house?

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39. What brand(s) of cat food do you plan to feed your cat?

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40. What products will you use to keep your cat healthy and free of parasites?

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41. Who will care for your cat while you are away for long periods such as vacation?

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42. Will you keep a proper collar and a current ID tag on this Cat at all times, along with applicable local licenses?

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☐ Yes

☐ No

References

Please only use one relative. Please do not use your vet as we are unable to speak with them.

43. Reference #1 \*

Please include the following: Name, Relationship, Address, Phone, Email

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44. Reference #2 \*

Please include the following: Name, Relationship, Address, Phone, Email

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45. Reference #3 \*

Please include the following: Name, Relationship, Address, Phone, Email

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Final Touches

46. Finally, are you prepared to love and care for this animal for the next 10 to 20 years?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes Of Course!
- ☐ No

47. How did you hear about us?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Petfinder
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

48. I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment and I will update this statement if changes occur. By typing your name below you are signing your name.

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49. Additional Info you would like to share? Please share anything that helps us get a full picture of your home life and how you hope the cat will fit into it.

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#### Important note\*

Please note: This is an application only. It does not guarantee that you will get the animal you applied for. Processing the application and contacting references can take some time; please assist us by notifying your references that we will be contacting them.

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We do not adopt out to families without current rabies vaccine UTD on all cats and dogs in their household.

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Your potential pet has been staying with a foster care provider while waiting for someone like you to come along and love him/her forever. That foster parent has loved and nurtured this animal to the best of his/her ability in order to help it become a good companion for you. There is NO ONE better qualified to answer your questions and address your concerns about temperament, behavior, and habits, good or bad.

Please stay in contact with the foster team before and after the adoption with any questions or comments that you may have.

They love to hear from you.

After verifying and correcting any errors in your application, click "Submit" and you will receive a copy of your application in your email.

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