THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF KENT COUNTY MARYLAND, INC.

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PRE-ADOPTION CONSIDERATIONS

Before you plan to adopt an animal, The Humane Society of Kent County Maryland would like for you to take into consideration the following:

🐾 ADOPTION FEE: Our adoption fees only cover a small portion of the cost to care for the animals in our shelter. These fees may include, but are not limited to, spay/neuter (if the animal is old enough), vaccines, blood testing for diseases, monthly preventatives (such as flea and heartworm prevention) and microchipping. Once adopted, all follow-up care is the responsibility of the adopter.

🐾 FINANCIAL: The costs of feeding, monthly preventatives, and regular veterinary care for just one pet can be upwards of $1,000 per year. Please be prepared for the costs involved in owning an animal.

🐾 TIME: Animals are companions and deserve to have time and attention from humans. If you work long hours or have other lifestyle activities that keep you busy, a pet may not be ideal at this time.

🐾 COMMITMENT: Adopting a pet should not be an impulse decision. Please give this decision plenty of thought to determine if this animal will fit into your lifestyle. Pets can have an average lifespan of 12 to 20 years.

🐾 EXPECTATIONS: We all have an ideal image of what we would like our pets to be – flawless and obedient. The reality is that shelter animals are often given up because people failed to provide them with the care or training they needed. The shelter staff works very hard to step in and work with these animals so they become highly adoptable. Housetraining & obedience training must continue when you adopt.

If you are still interested in adopting after reading this, please complete the attached application.

I have read the above information:

_______________________________________________            ____________________________
Signature                                                                                        Date

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FOSTER/ADOPTION APPLICATION

Animal Name: _______________________
Today’s Date: ______/_______/_________

Approved
Denied

The Humane Society of Kent County Maryland, Inc., reserves the right to refuse adoption of an animal to anyone who falsifies information or fails to comply with HSKC’s standards of animal care. Failure to provide complete information may result in delays in processing or denial. It is at the sole discretion of the HSKC to determine the appropriate match with the type of home that best provides for the specific animal’s needs. PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION BELOW—

Last Name: ________________________________
First Name: ________________________________

Spouse/Roommate: ________________________________
Are they in agreement to adopt?   YES / NO

Home Phone: (         ) _______________   Work: (         ) _______________   Cell: (         ) _______________

Email Address: ______________

Street Address: __________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: __________________________________________________________

County of Residence: _______________________
How long have you lived at this address? _________

Type of Home:   Single Family Home    Apartment/Condo      Townhouse       Mobile Home      Farm Home

DO YOU: RENT / OWN? (HSKC will check property records to ensure ownership)

If renting, landlord’s name: ____________________________________________

Phone: (         ) _______________

Your Occupation: ________________________________

Employer: ___________________________________________________________________

Spouse’s/Partner’s Occupation: ________________________________

Employer: ___________________________________________________________________

Please list two references who can bear witness to your ability to be a responsible pet owner:

(please note: only one of your references may be a family member)

Name ___________________________ Phone (         ) _______________ Relationship ________________

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Please list all pets that CURRENTLY live with you:

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Name of current veterinarian: ___________________________________________ Phone (   ) ________________

Please list PREVIOUSLY owned pets (within past 5 years)

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Veterinarian for previously owned pet(s) ________________________________ Phone (   ) ________________

Have you ever adopted from our shelter before?  YES  NO  If so, when? ________________________________
How did you hear about our shelter / this animal? ________________________________________________
PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

1. Is this your first experience owning a pet?  YES / NO

2. Your reason for adoption? (circle all that apply)  House Pet  Guard Dog  Gift  For Child
   To Breed  Farm pet  Companion for another pet  Other: ________________________________

3. How do you plan to keep this animal contained on your property? (circle all that apply)
   Outdoor Kennel  In the House  In a Garage  Fenced Yard  Trolley System
   Invisible/Underground Fencing  On Patio/Porch  Other: ________________________________

4. If you have fencing, please describe the type and height: ________________________________

5. If there are children living in the household, how many? Ages? __________________________

6. What arrangements will you make for your pet when you are on vacation? _______________________

7. Are you prepared to take this animal for a complete veterinary exam within 10 days of adoption?  YES / NO
   (This may include having them vaccinated for booster shots if necessary)

8. If you are adopting a cat, do you plan to declaw?  YES / NO

9. If you are adopting a dog, do you plan to crop ears or dock tails?  YES / NO

I, __________________________________________ hereby grant permission to The Humane Society of Kent County Maryland, Inc., to contact my veterinarian, local animal control agency, and references to obtain information related to my current and previously-owned pets in order to verify information on this application.

______________________________            _______________________
Signature                                                                                        Date

Thank you for your cooperation in completing this application. Please allow our staff at least two business days to process the information and contact you.

ADOPTION FEES:

Adoption fees apply.

Please refer to our current adoption fee list posted on our website or at our shelter.

In many cases, our adoption fee does not cover the full cost of medical and basic care needs during an animal's stay at our shelter. As a 501c3 nonprofit organization, we rely on donations from individuals, corporations and foundations to fund our programs and operating expenses.
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#### ADOPTION:  APPROVED ####

ADOPTER CONTACTED ON: _____/_____/_______  SCHEDULED TO PICK UP ON: ______/_____/_______

SPAY/NEUTER DATE: _____/_____/_______  VETERINARIAN SCHEDULED WITH: __________________________

#### ADOPTION:  DENIED ####

APPLICANT CONTACTED ON _____/_____/_______  EDUCATION OFFERED?  YES  NO

REASON/COMMENTS:

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