

Amelia County Animal Control Adoption Application

Date _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Please Answer the Following Questions:

1. Why are you interested in adopting a shelter animal?

2. Have you ever adopted from a shelter before? _____
3. If so, was the animal sterilized before or after adoption? _____
4. Which pet are you interested in? _____
5. Who is the pet for? _____
6. Who will be the primary caretaker of the animal? _____
7. What would happen to your new pet if you had to move? _____

8. Will the animal be an indoor or outdoor pet? _____
9. Do you have any other pets? _____ If yes, please list name, breed, and whether or not they are sterilized: _____

10. Do you rent or own? _____
11. May we contact the Landlord/Landowner? _____ If so, please provide name and phone number _____
12. Who is or will be the primary veterinarian for your pets? _____

13. Are all of your pets current on their vaccinations? _____
14. Have you ever surrendered an animal to the shelter? _____ If yes, please explain _____

15. Have you or anyone in your household been convicted of animal cruelty, failure to provide, or animal neglect? _____ If yes, please explain _____

16. Are you a student? _____
17. Are you aware of the local ordinances that require pets on a leash, licensed, and current on vaccinations? _____
18. Are you prepared to be responsible and humanely care for a new pet for its lifetime? (Remember, dogs can live up to 15-20 years, and cats can live up to 20 years) _____

19. Are you aware that Amelia County Animal Shelter cannot guarantee the health of any pet that is adopted? _____

By signing this contract, I swear that all answers have been answered correctly. If any answer is found to be false, the adoption will be voided and the adoption fee will be returned.

Owner (Print) _____

Signature _____

Shelter Attendee _____

Date _____

Amelia County Animal Shelter Sterilization Agreement

Date of this Agreement _____ Animal Name _____
Animal Description _____ Age _____ Sex _____

- 1) I fully understand that the Amelia Shelter knows little or nothing about this pet and does not guarantee its health, condition, or behavior, and I release the shelter from any injuries or damages which may occur as a result of the adoption of the pet.
- 2) I agree to have the pet examined by a licensed veterinarian within thirty (30) working days of this adoption agreement, and to perform any necessary treatment at that time. If the animal requires major medical treatment, I will provide the treatment or return the pet along with this contract to the Amelia County Animal Shelter.
- 3) I agree that the pet I am adopting will be kept as a companion pet at all times and will not be used for bio-medical research, fighting, guard/attack dog, or any commercial purpose.
- 4) I will assume all responsibility for the pet's well-being, guaranteeing that the pet will be provided at all times with proper and adequate food, water, shelter, veterinary treatment when needed, and humane care and treatment.

Sterilization of Adopted Dogs and Cats (Civil Penalty)

Section 3.2-6574 of the Code of Virginia requires that you have the pet sterilized by a licensed vet before being released. If a dog is under 6 months of age, you will have 30 days after the dog turns 6 months of age to get it sterilized. If a cat is less than 4 pounds you will have 60 days in which to get it sterilized. An adopting person who violates this article is subject to a civil penalty and will be compelled to comply with the provisions of this article.

It is a policy of the Amelia County Animal Shelter that all dogs and cats be sterilized before being adopted.