

# **MARANATHA FARM**

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(Please READ this first!)

No pet may be adopted as a gift for another person. You may purchase a gift certificate but the recipient must apply and qualify as an adopter.

**Adoption fee \$50 for cats and kittens includes testing for FELK and HIV, spay or neuter and shots given.**

Kittens are given a spay/neuter certificate to be used when 4-6 months old. We follow up to make certain this is done. We also require kittens receive an exam and the rest of their shots from your veterinarian.

There is a mandatory 24-hour “cooling off” period for all adoptions. You must call us 24 hours after you apply, to activate your application. It will be discarded after 48 hours if not activated.

All animals are unconditionally guaranteed for life and the adoption fee is fully refundable at any time upon return of the animal. We ask you to promise not to ever give the animal to anyone else. We really, really mean this.

A home visit and good veterinarian’s reference is required. All cats and dogs already owned by the applicant or living in the same household must be spayed or neutered.

Because these animals require a 10-15 year commitment, we are looking for stable adopters who can show ability to care for an animal for the rest of its life. All information you give will be verified. Discovery of any false information terminates the application process.

If you are a renter please verify that you have permission to own a pet before applying. Many landlords require pet deposits of \$500 or more per animal.

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**Feline Adoption Application and Contract**

1. Adopter's name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Occupation(s): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Employers names and work phones: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Cell phone/Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of persons in your household: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Their ages and relationships: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you own your home or rent? \_\_\_\_\_
9. If renting, we must verify you have permission to have a pet. Please give us your landlord's name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Type home? (house/apartment/mobile etc): \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is the name of the cat or kitten you want? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is the likelihood you will move in the next 12-15 years, and what will you do with this pet if you move? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Your cat will need food, toys and litter, annual vaccinations, and flea control. How much do you anticipate spending yearly to meet these needs and can you easily afford it?  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. If your pet becomes ill or injured, have you thought about whether you are financially able to provide medical care? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Would you be willing to allow a representative from our group to visit your home before the adoption is completed, and if so when would you be available? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Have you adopted an animal from us or another local rescue or shelter before? \_\_\_\_\_

17. What pets do you own or have owned in the last 10 years and where are they now?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

18. Who is (was) your veterinarian for the above animals? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, city and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I certify that the information I have given is true and that I recognize that any misrepresentation of the facts may result in my losing privilege of adopting a pet. I authorize investigation of all statements on this application.

I understand that Maranatha Farm reserves the right to refuse adoption to anyone. This application is the property of Maranatha Farm. We never sell information but it may be shared with other animal adoption agencies.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTRACT**

To be signed before witnesses at time of adoption.

Please put your initials next to each item to acknowledge you have read and agree to that item:

**I understand I may voluntarily return this animal to Maranatha Farm at any time for a full refund of the adoption fee.**

**I promise I will not sell or give this animal away to anybody else.**

If a kitten is adopted, I understand that this animal must be spayed or neutered when it is four to six months old. I promise to deliver this animal for neutering to one of the designated veterinary clinics on the spay/neuter certificate at no later than six months old.

I promise to provide good quality food and necessary veterinary care for this animal including flea control, vaccination boosters, worming and all other care as prescribed by my veterinarian. I further promise that as this animal ages and requires more care to enjoy its senior years I will provide it with every comfort possible such as arthritis relief and special diet.

**I promise not to have this animal declawed,** not to do extreme nail trimming, or do anything to cause unnecessary pain and suffering to this animal.

If this cat or kitten has a long coat I promise to keep the coat properly brushed or combed to prevent the formation of mats. Regular clipping of the coat by a professional groomer or veterinarian is also acceptable.

**This kitten or cat will be raised as an indoor-only animal and kept indoors only for it's entire life.** Indoors may include a screened porch but only if the yard is enclosed with secure fence so the cat will not be endangered by roving dogs, alligators etc. The porch must be securely screened and either the door or the gate to the yard must be kept locked.

I promise never to strike, slap, hit or kick this animal to correct behavior, but to apply humane methods of training and positive reinforcement.

I promise to notify Maranatha Farm of any change in my address or telephone number, and to notify them of any major illness, loss or death of the animal.

I understand that this animal is entitled to lifetime free vacation boarding at Maranatha Farm on a space-available basis. Advance notice is requested.

**I understand this is an adoption not a purchase of the animal and I grant permission to Maranatha Farm to take this animal back if they believe I am failing to care for this animal properly, without notice or refund.**

I understand that this Application is property of Maranatha Farm. I acknowledge receipt of a copy of this Contract.

I understand that Maranatha Farm is not making any representations or warranties about the animal's temperament or behavior. I acknowledge and agree that Maranatha Farm is not responsible for any injury, damage, or harm caused by this animal, and I hereby release Maranatha Farm from any and all liability for any injury, damage, harm, expense or liability I incur relating to this animal. I also agree to indemnify Maranatha Farm from any and all such claims and to pay, without limitation, any costs related to such injury, damage, or liability, including, in the case of litigation, any attorneys' fees incurred by Maranatha Farm in its defense.

Signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_