



Today's Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

The Stafford SPCA's goal is to find permanent, loving, responsible homes for the animals in our care. We try to find a match that considers not only the best interests of the animal, but those of people as well. The Stafford SPCA reserves the right, without explanation, to refuse any application and to deny any adoption in its absolute discretion.

Staff Use Only: BKG \_\_\_\_ PT \_\_\_\_ VT \_\_\_\_ DNA \_\_\_\_ Cty Tgs \_\_\_\_ M&G \_\_\_\_  
Home Visit Sch: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Name of animal(s) you wish to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Male  Female  Cat  Kitten  Dog  Puppy Breed \_\_\_\_\_

ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED.

ALL adults in the home must be listed on the application.

Applicant #1:

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Other names used (maiden or other married names) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Full street address \_\_\_\_\_

City/County/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Have you lived at your current address for five years or more?  YES  NO

If no, please provide previous address in full: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant #2:

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Other names used (maiden or other married names) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Is your current address the same as that of Applicant #1 (above)?  YES  NO

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal email address \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to Applicant #1 (above)? \_\_\_\_\_

\* Are there more than 2 adults in the home? Please include name and DOB information on ALL adults. \*

Stafford County SPCA Adoption Application

1. Have you previously applied to our shelter for an animal? If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Current Housing:  Own  Rent

3. What type of dwelling?  House  Townhouse  Condo  Apartment  Mobile Home

4. If not the home owner, specify landlord or rental agent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord or Rental Agent's Phone # (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are there any breed restrictions in your lease, neighborhood, or HOA? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Is this your first dog or cat? Circle one: Yes No

7. Please provide the following information about your household:

How many adults? \_\_\_\_\_ How many children? \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_ Any special needs? \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Information regarding special needs is not used to disqualify applicants. Rather, it is used to assess the needs of the child and the needs of the pet to determine a quality match for all parties.*

8. Who would be your pet(s) primary caregiver?

Adult

Teenager

Child

9. Do any members of your household have allergies to animals? Circle one: Yes No

10. Have you ever surrendered an animal? Circle one: Yes No

If so, where and why? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Is this animal intended to be a gift? Circle one: Yes No

12. If your new pet will be alone (without human companionship), where will the animal be kept during this time and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are you planning to move in the near future? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

14. What food are you planning to feed your new pet? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Change is inevitable in one's life. What will you do if you could no longer care for your animal?

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\_\_\_\_\_

**16. List all the animals you have owned or lived with in the past five (5) years:**

Name	Type and Breed	Age	Gender	Still own? (If no, explain)

**17. Which of these animals are spayed or neutered?** \_\_\_\_\_

**18. Where are your current animals kept?**  Indoors  Outdoors  Both

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**19. If you currently have pets, or have had a pet in the last five (5) years, please list your primary veterinarian, along with contact telephone number(s).**

Primary Vet Office \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Vet Office \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**20. Whose name is listed as the owner/caregiver on the animal hospital's chart/account?**

*\*To save time and speed the adoption process, please call your vet and have them note your account that we will be calling to verify your pet's medical information.\**

**21. If applicable, have any of your cats been declawed? Explain why.** \_\_\_\_\_

**22. Have you considered what you're willing to spend and have you budgeted for animal expenses?**

Circle one: **Yes** **No**

**23. Do you have a fenced yard?** Circle one: **Yes** **No**

**24. If yes, what type of fence** \_\_\_\_\_ **Height** \_\_\_\_\_

**25. How big is the fenced portion of the yard?** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*All dog adoptions require a structural fence, with only RARE exceptions made for apartment-suited dogs, to the right family with a proper exercise plan. Size may vary depending on breed/individual needs. We do **not** adopt into homes that use invisible fencing as a sole means of containment. You can speed the process by attaching pictures of your fence.*

**26. What kind of animal behavior do you find unacceptable? (Please be specific.)** \_\_\_\_\_

**27. What would you do about these behaviors?** \_\_\_\_\_

**28. What other things would you like the SPCA to know about you, as we consider your application, and why do you feel you would be a really good home for this animal?** (Please feel free to attach another page if desired.)

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**29. Were you referred by someone? If so, who?** \_\_\_\_\_

**30. Are you committed to the completion of dog/puppy obedience training with your new pet?**

Circle one:      **Yes**      **No**

**31. Is NOW a good time to bring a new pet member into the family?** Please discuss with all family members and determine if this is a stable time to bring in a new pet, and if your daily schedule will allow for time to care for a new pet. We are committed to the lifetime placement of all animals in our care. We do not adopt "until" pets.

Circle one:      **Yes**      **No**

**32. PERSONAL REFERENCE (Person who knows you and your relationship with animals):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Years known \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number: # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this application, I hereby give consent to Stafford SPCA and its authorized representatives to perform appropriate background checks as needed to approve this application, including (but not limited to) personal references, landlords, and veterinary references. I specifically authorize any and all veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and any other individuals who have provided medical/health care to my current or past animals to release any and all information to the Stafford SPCA.

I certify that all information contained in this application is true, and I understand that false information may void this application. *I also certify that neither I, nor anyone in my household, has ever been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment.*

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Email completed application to: [Adopt@StaffordSPCA.Org](mailto:Adopt@StaffordSPCA.Org)    **OR**    Fax to: (866) 522-8042

**Stafford SPCA shelter address:** 140 Andrew Chapel Rd. Stafford, VA 22554  
**Open by appointment only**

*\*The Stafford SPCA does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status in any of its activities or operations.\**

## Adoption Process

### Fill out the application completely

- List every person 18 years and older that resides within the house, even if temporarily living there.
- If you do not own the home, the homeowner or landlord must provide written permission before adoption.
- To speed our screening process, please include ALL requested information on the application. Failure to provide all information will result in a delay in processing your application, as we will need to contact you for missing information before processing can be complete.
- The Stafford SPCA reserves the right to deny placement of animals (especially puppies and kittens) into homes with children under five years of age.

### Our veterinary reference check

- Vet references must be listed for any animal that you have owned within the last five years. We call your vet to confirm that the animals you own currently or have owned in the past have gotten attentive, regular vet care while under your ownership.
- All current pets must be spayed/neutered, unless there is a documented medical reason the alteration could not be performed.

### Dog-specific information

- Dog adoptions require a fenced backyard, with a minimum height of four feet. (Requirements may vary by breed.) We make exceptions for dogs suited to apartment living without a backyard only in **rare** circumstances. Fences must be designed to reasonably contain a dog and keep out unwanted intruders or predators.
- We do not adopt into homes using invisible fences as the sole means of containment, with no exceptions.
- All current dogs must be up to date on all vaccinations, be negative for heartworm, and taking a heartworm preventative.

### Cat-specific information

- Existing cats in the home must be negative for Feline Aids and Feline Leukemia and up to date on vaccinations.
- Declawing of cats is **STRICTLY** forbidden.
- We do not adopt indoor/outdoor cats. Our cats are indoor only, except in rare circumstances when we have barn cats looking for homes.

***Once we receive your application, please be patient with us as we process it.***

***After we have processed your application, we will contact you.***

### Your meet and greet appointment

- Meet and greet appointments will be scheduled at our shelter (or at the foster home if the pet is under the care of a foster family) as soon as possible. We ask that, whenever possible, ALL members of the household attend the meet and greet.
- If you own a dog, and wish to adopt a second, we will facilitate a proper introduction at our facility. If your current dog has anxiety or temperament issues, please let us know ahead of time so we can tailor our introduction to his/her specific needs.

### The home visit process

- We will arrange for a home check **either** before adoption day or on adoption day, depending on circumstances. The home visit is done to ensure your home (and fence, for dog adopters) is safe and adequate for the animal you wish to adopt.
- On adoption day, if we have determined that your home and family will provide a good, loving, safe, lifetime placement for all people and pets concerned, we enter into our adoption contract, collect the adoption fee, and provide all the vet records and transitional materials for your new forever family member.

### Follow-ups

- Adopters agree to take their new family member to their vet within the first 30 days of ownership for a general health checkup.
- If not already altered, any animal adopted must be spayed/neutered within 30 days or by six months of age.

***Everything we do, we do because we are looking for FOREVER homes and FOREVER families!***