

ID #: _____ ANIMAL'S NAME: _____ DOG: _____ CAT: _____ DATE: _____

WELCOME TO THE COPPER COUNTRY HUMANE SOCIETY

To help you find the right companion animal, we ask that you fill out this application carefully and completely. This form is designed to help us determine if the adoption is in the animal's best interest. An unsatisfactory adoption can result in a negative experience for adoptive families and could impair the animal's chances for re-adoption.

Once we receive your completed application, it could take 2-3 days to process. This may seem like a long time, but it is time well spent when you consider you may have your new pet 10-15 or more years! Your patience and cooperation in helping us bring people and animals together will result in a more successful adoption.

ADOPTION POLICIES

In order to adopt an animal from the CCHS, these policies must be followed:

- ❖ Present a driver's license or ID card showing your current address and that you are least 18 years of age.
- ❖ Have the knowledge and consent to adopt an animal from all of the adults in your home.
- ❖ If you rent your home, have your landlord's consent to allow animals to live on the property; we will need to verify this consent.
- ❖ All presently owned animals must be current on rabies vaccination (this is Michigan state law).
- ❖ We adopt our animals to be primarily indoor pets, which are members of the family.
- ❖ You must assure us that no unnecessary or inhumane surgery will be performed on the animal.
- ❖ If we leave a message concerning your application or if you do not hear from us within 3 days, please call us. If we do not hear from you, your application may be cancelled.
- ❖ Understand that the Copper Country Humane Society may deny your application if, in our judgment, it is not the best home for the animal.
- ❖ **False or omitted information will deny your application.**
- ❖ Indicate by your signature that you agree to all the requirements and conditions stated in this application.

PLEASE PRINT ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS CLEARLY

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different):

Driver's License Number and State: _____

1. Are you or your spouse: active military? _____ an undergraduate or graduate student? _____

2. Please list anyone over 18 that lives with you and their relationship to you: _____

3. Are their children in the home? _____ Ages: _____

4. Where do you live? Single home _____ Duplex _____ Mobile Home _____ Apartment _____
 Military housing _____ Other (please explain) _____
5. Do you rent or own? _____ Landlord's name and number: _____

6. How long have you lived at your present address? _____ If less than one year, please list your
 previous address: _____
7. Are you planning to move within the next 6 months? _____ If you move, where will your pets go?

8. Will you restrict your choice of housing to where pets are allowed? _____
9. If applicable, will you still want the pet when your children are grown? _____
10. Does anyone in the home have allergies to any animals? _____ Type of animal _____
 How severe? _____
11. Who will be responsible for the pet's care and cost? _____
12. Have you ever adopted from the CCHS before? _____ When? _____ Do you still own
 this pet? _____ If not, what happened to him/her? _____
13. Have you ever taken an animal to a shelter? _____ Explain: _____

14. Have you had a pet die of distemper, parvo, leukemia or unknown causes in the last 3 months? _____

PET HISTORY

15. List all pets you currently own or have owned in the past 10 years (Please include any current
 roommate's pets). Please tell us: Breed, age, male or female, spayed/neutered, how long owned, where
 this animal is kept, whether you've bred him/her, and if you still have the animal (please explain if the
 animal is no longer with you). _____

16. Please list the following references (MUST be complete)
 Relative: _____ Phone: _____
 Friend: _____ Phone: _____
 (cannot be a relative, significant other or roommate)
 Neighbor: _____ Phone: _____
17. List your veterinarian's name and number: _____
 Date of last visit? _____

If you are applying for a dog, please fill out the section below and continue to question #26, then continue from #34 to the end. If you are applying for a cat, please go to question #27 and continue. If you are applying for both, please fill out all the sections below.

DOG ADOPTIONS ONLY

18. Will this be your first experience owning a dog? _____ Your Child's? _____
19. What is your main reason for adopting a dog? _____

20. Are you familiar with crate training? _____ Obedience training? _____
21. Where will the dog be during the day? _____ During the night? _____
When no one is home? _____
22. How long will the dog be left alone each day? _____
23. Will this be an indoor dog or an outdoor dog? _____
24. How will you exercise the dog? _____
Do you have access to a yard? _____ Is it fenced or open? _____
If you don't have a fenced in yard, how will you contain the dog when he/she is outside? _____

25. What type of shelter will be provided for the dog when he/she is left outside? _____
26. Are you aware of the Michigan leash and licensing laws? _____

CAT ADOPTIONS ONLY

27. Will this be your first experience owning a cat? _____ Your child's? _____
28. What is your main reason for adopting a cat? _____

29. Do you think you might declaw the cat? _____ If yes, front or back declawed or both? _____
30. Will the cat be: Inside? _____ Outside? _____ Both? _____
31. Where will the cat be during the day? _____ During the night? _____
When no one is home? _____
32. How long will the cat be left alone each day? _____
33. How much one-on-one time do you plan on spending with the cat? _____

FOR ALL ADOPTIONS

34. How do you plan to teach your pet the rules of the House? _____

35. How will you handle destructive behavior? _____

36. Are you familiar with the annual vaccinations needed for your pet? _____

37. Are you prepared for the extra costs of owning an animal? (food, boarding, grooming, emergency care)

38. How will you protect your pet from being lost or stolen? _____

39. Are you familiar with the Animal Control laws in your area? _____

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! INITIAL, SIGN AND DATE WHERE INDICATED
THIS IS A LEGAL AND BINDING CONTRACT**

- * I agree to provide proper food, water, adequate shelter, kind and humane treatment to this and all pets at all times. An animal will not live its life on a chain or outdoors. _____ (Initial)
- * I agree to take this animal to a veterinarian for examinations and immunizations as needed and to procure immediate veterinary care should the animal be come injured or ill. _____ (Initial)
- * I agree NOT to allow this animal to be used for medical or other experimental purposes. ____ (Initial)
- * I agree to notify the Copper Country Humane Society if I decide at any time that I can no longer care or keep this animal. I agree to NOT relinquish this animal to anyone else until CCHS is notified and is in agreement with the placement, proper paperwork is filled out and a safe environment is prepared for the animal. _____ (Initial)
- * I agree to allow an agent of the Copper Country Humane Society to visit my home and evaluate the care and condition of the animal being adopted for any reason the CCHS feels a home visit is necessary. This is used for reported cases of neglect and/or abuse and is NOT random. _____ (Initial)
- * I understand that a representative from the CCHS will contact me via phone/mail/e-mail about a month after the adoption to see how things are going. _____ (Initial)
- * Can the update you give us be used in our Happy Tails for our newsletter and website? **YES NO**
(Please circle one)
- * I understand that the Copper Country Humane Society CANNOT GUARANTEE the health, temperament or training of any dog or cat being adopted and hereby release the CCHS from ALL liability once the animal is in my possession. _____ (Initial)
- * **Dog Owners:**
 - I agree to have this dog wear an approved collar and leash. _____ (Initial)
 - I agree not to transport this dog in the back of an open bed truck at any time. _____ (Initial)
 - I agree to license this dog in compliance with the laws and ordinances for the municipality in which I reside. Dogs MUST be on a leash or confined when outside (leash law). _____ (Initial)
- * **Cat Owners:**
 - I agree to follow all laws regarding cats in the municipality in which I reside. I agree to keep this cat inside if I live in a busy area and will not let it outside for at least three weeks after adoption if I live in a rural area. _____ (Initial)

There is a three week trial period following the adoption of the animal. All animals take a certain amount of time to adjust (usually 1-3 weeks) to a new home situation. Adoption fees are transferable or refundable within three weeks if the animal is returned or exchanged. Adoption fees are NOT refundable after three weeks. Adoption fees are NOT refundable if a health record and receipt of payment are not returned with the animal. Three days notice is required to return the animal so space can be made available.

REMEDY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE: It is agreed that the Copper Country Humane Society retains superior title in said animal, limited to and for the express purpose of assuring the animal's well-being. CCHS will only exercise its superior claim in the event that it appears to the CCHS or Animal Control that the proper and humane care as specified in the adoption agreement is not being afforded the said animal OR in the event that any information in the adoption application has been falsified, in which case the animal CAN be taken back by CCHS.

I have read the above agreement and completely understand and accept the rights and responsibilities and obligations involved. I also agree to abide by the answers given in the adoption application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Adoption Approved _____ Denied _____ Reason for Denial _____

CCHS Representative _____ Date _____

Payment made: Cash Check Receipt number _____ Health record issued _____

