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Date: _____
Name of Cat: _____

CAT ADOPTION APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in adopting a Lucky Cat. Lucky Cat Rescue (LCR) wants to make certain that **every** cat adopted goes to a loving home in which the cat will be well care for. Because of this, our application asks a number of detailed questions which are necessary for our screening process. Please allow up to a week for processing your application.

Your full name: _____

Your age: _____

NOTE: You must be at least 21 to adopt from LCR and proof of age will be required prior to completing adoption.

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E Mail Address: _____

ABOUT YOUR HOME:

Please complete this section for the household in which your cat will reside:

Type of Residence: _____ House _____ Condo _____ Apartment _____ Mobile Home _____ Dormitory

Do You: _____ Own _____ Rent _____ Live w/parents _____ Other

If you are a renter or live in a condo, does your landlord allow pets? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of Landlord: _____ Phone No. _____

How long have you lived at this address: _____

Do you have any plans to move in the next few years? _____

How many times have you moved in the past five years? _____

What would you do if you moved to a residence where pets were not permitted? _____

ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

How many adults live in this household? _____

How many children? _____ What are their ages? _____

Are all members of your household in agreement about adopting a cat? _____

For **whom** would you be adopting this cat? _____

Who will be the primary caregiver for this cat? _____

Who will be financially responsible for the cat? _____

Are you willing to have all members of your household meet a LCR representative to meet the cat that you are applying for? _____

Do any members of your household have asthma, or have allergies to cats? _____ Yes _____ No

Describe your household activity/noise level? _____ Low _____ Medium _____ High

How often do you travel? _____

How will you care for your cat when you are traveling? _____

In the event of an emergency, who would care for your **cat** or what arrangements would you make?

For how many hours would the cat be **alone** during the day? _____

ABOUT YOUR CURRENT ANIMALS

Name	Species/Breed	Age	Gender	Spayed/Neutered	Had how long?	Are vacs up to date?

If you have a cat, does it get along with other cats? _____ Yes _____ No

Does your current cat go outside? _____ Yes _____ No

If you have a dog, does it get along with cats? _____ Yes _____ No

What veterinary hospital do your animals go to: _____ Phone: _____

(We will call your vet to verify status of vet care)

Are you experiencing any difficulties with your current pets in terms of health or behavior? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, describe: _____

PET HISTORY

Did you have pets growing up? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you had the experience of being a primary caregiver to a cat? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever given a pet away, given it to a shelter or rescue group, returned it to a breeder or sold it?
 _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever had an animal for a short period of time and it didn't work out? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever had an animal lost or stolen? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever had to retrieve your animal from a pound, shelter or animal control facility? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever had an animal die as the result of being hit by a car, being poisoned or from unknown causes?
 _____ Yes _____ No

Have you previously applied to adopt from Lucky Cat Rescue? _____ Yes _____ No

Animals Owned Over the Past 10 Years:

Name	Species/Breed	Spayed/Neutered	Owned How Long?	What happened to this animals?	How long ago?

PLANS FOR YOUR NEW PET

Will the cat live: _____ Indoors Only _____ Indoors and Outdoors _____ Outdoors _____ Not Sure

Where will the cat be when nobody is home? _____ Indoors _____ Outdoors

Will the cat be allowed to have free roam of your home? _____ Yes _____ No

What veterinary practice do you plan to use? _____

Reason for wanting to adopt:

_____ Companion _____ Mouser _____ Other

Type of cat desired (check all that apply)

_____ Adult _____ Kitten _____ Senior _____ Male _____ Female

_____ Declawed _____ Indoor only _____ Indoor/Outdoor _____ Outdoor only

_____ Long haired _____ Short hair _____ Other _____

Desired temperament/personality:

_____ Quiet _____ Playful _____ Active _____ Lap Cat

Are you aware that some cats require a period of weeks or even months to adjust to their new home/environment/ other pets?

_____ Yes _____ No

Are you willing to allow for this adjustment period?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ I prefer a pet who will adjust quickly _____ Not sure

Are you willing to bring your pet to a veterinarian for yearly exams, and for vaccinations per your veterinarian's recommendations?

_____ Yes _____ No

Are you able to commit to providing a home for a cat for the next 10 to 20 years? _____ Yes _____ No

What circumstances might justify giving up a cat? (Check all that apply)

_____ Baby _____ Divorce _____ Cat not getting along with other pets

_____ Moving _____ Allergies _____ New household member dislikes cats

_____ Shedding _____ Behavior problems _____ Not using litter box

_____ Want to travel _____ Health problems _____ Destructive Scratching

_____ None _____ Children lost interest _____ Too time consuming

_____ Other _____

If your new cat or kitten exhibits behavioral or adjustment issues, would you be willing to seek the advice of a LCR representatives?

_____ Yes _____ No

Please share any kitty habits that you cannot tolerate:

_____ Furniture _____ shedding _____ chewing plants _____ jumping

_____ Other _____

Please share with us anything you would like us to know about the new cat or kitten that you would like to add to your family.

Would you be interested in learning about some of our "special needs" or "long term resident" cats who are in need of loving, forever homes? _____ Yes _____ No

Would you be willing to have an in-home visit by a LCR representative after you have adopted from us?

_____ Yes _____ No

Please provide three personal references:

Name	Relationship	Phone Number

The cat that you are applying for today will be a part of your family for the next 15 to 20 years. Each cat has its own distinct personality and preferences, some of which you can help shape, others which you cannot change. A pet makes considerable demands on your time and resources. Cat owners need to spend time cleaning litter boxes, socializing, grooming, feeding and playing with their cat each day. Cats that are shy or have not had much human contact need **even** more time and socialization.

Are you ready to accept the personal and financial responsibility of owning a cat? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you fully read and do you fully agree to Lucky Cat Rescue's Adoption Guidelines (see next page)?

I have read the application carefully and have completed it honestly. I understand that omission of information and/or failure to answer all questions and sign the application can result in this application being declined. Also, if an omission or untruth is discovered after the adoption takes place, I understand that Lucky Cat Rescue, Inc. reserves the right to annul the adoption and reclaim the animal. I give Lucky Cat Rescue, Inc. permission to fully investigate the information provided as well as contact veterinarians and related officials. I understand the adoption decision is dependent on many factors, including, but not limited to, the compatibility of the family and home to the individual animal. I understand it is Lucky Cat Rescue's prerogative to decide which home is most appropriate and that their decision is final. Unless otherwise indicated by Lucky Cat Rescue, Inc., I am free to apply under the application process again in the future. **LUCKY CAT WILL CONTACT YOU WITHIN 7 DAYS IF YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Adoption Guidelines

Lucky Cat Rescue wants our rescued cats placed in homes where they will be considered a member of the family for the rest of their lives which, with care, can be for 12 or more years. If you do not agree with our guidelines, we suggest that you reconsider whether or not adopting a cat is right for you. When you adopt a cat you must sign a legal contract stating that you will comply with our requirements, which are to give the cat a long healthy life in a loving home.

Member of the family:

A cat is not a possession, but a member of your family to be treated with love and respect. He or she should share the house and must not be locked in a cage, or in a room separating him/her from the people in the family, except perhaps for the first few days, while they become accustomed to the new environment.

Reason: A cat who is not an accepted member of the family will not be happy and may become withdrawn and exhibit other behavioral problems. The cat may even become sick if he is stressed and unhappy.

Indoor cats:

Unless we are adopting our cat as a barn cat we require our cats to be indoor cats unless in a carrier, halter or screened in area.

Reason: Domestic cats left outdoors without supervision face dangers including other cats, wild animals and toxins.

Medical Care:

Your cat will need to visit the veterinarian at least once a year for his or her annual check up. A cat is subject to the same sort of ailments we are, and when ill needs to be treated by a veterinarian. You are responsible for medical bills, except for the initial set of shots we supply. Many veterinarians now recommend a three-year vaccination cycle, instead of annual boosters.

Reason: The FVRCP booster prevents your cat from catching distemper and other cat ailments. Rabies vaccinations prevent your cat from contracting rabies and may be required in your state. Expect your cat to catch an occasional cold, ear infection, etc., and to develop some ailments as he or she gets older.

Children:

(You should adopt a cat or kitten six months of age or older, if you have a child under six years of age.)

Reason: Young kittens have not yet learned to retract their claws and could scratch if handled improperly. The younger a kitten is, the more fragile, and the easier she could be accidentally injured by a small child. No matter how good your young child is with animals, children are often unable to properly carry and handle kittens. Also, children frequently have high-pitched voices which can frighten a young cat.

Cats must be permitted where you live:

You must be sure that cats are permitted in your residence. If you rent your home, apartment, or live in a condominium, your lease or bylaws should specifically state that you are allowed to have cats. Cats are a life-long commitment, so you must always live in situations where cats are permitted.

Reason: Many people get a companion and are then told by their landlord or condo association to give up the animal or move out. Rental housing permitting animals is becoming harder to find.

Post-Adoption:

Lucky Cat Rescue reserves the right to investigate the living conditions of your new cat through follow-up telephone calls and/or visits.

Reason: LCR wants our cats placed into loving, caring homes as members of the family. The vast majority of people provide excellent homes for their cats. Occasionally, there will be a personality conflict between a cat and a person. If this occurs and is not resolved in a couple of weeks, it is best to return the cat to us. Follow-up calls and visits help us to ensure that our cats are being treated with the love and respect laid out in our guidelines. LCR wants to help you through your adjustment period with your new companion and we will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Relinquishment of your cat:

If you must give up your cat, he or she must be returned to Lucky Cat Rescue. You may not turn the cat over to a shelter or another person without our express permission. Shelters euthanize over 80 percent of the cats that come to them.

Reason: LCR will accept your cat at any time if you must give her up. We want to know that our cats are cared for all their lives, so we will take them back and find a new home if necessary. Do not, for any reason, leave one of our cats at an animal shelter. They may be killed before we can rescue them.

Literature:

There are several excellent books on cat care and cat behavior. The internet is also an excellent resource for answering your questions about your cat. Lucky Cat will be happy to offer assistance to help your new family member transition to his new home.

Books and magazines:

Adopting Cats & Kittens, by Connie Jankowski

The New Natural Cat: The Complete Guide for Finicky Owners, by Anitra Frazier

The Purina Encyclopedia of Cat Care, by Amy Shojai

The Stray Cat Handbook, by Tamara Kreuz

Kitten Care & Training, by Amy Shojai

Magazines: Cat Fancy Magazine, The Whole Cat Journal, Catnip and Cat Watch

Internet:

catchow.com

pets.yahoo.com/pets/cats

catfocused.com

Tally's Cat Basics 101: A Guide for New Cat Owner's