# *ARF ADOPTION APPLICATION - (FELINE)*

Thank you for applying to adopt from ARF SEPA! Please review page 1 of this application and keep it for your records. Please complete pages 2-3 and turn it back in to ARF SEPA to start the adoption process. Please note that this application is a way for us to get to know you, and hopefully we can match you up with a wonderful pet that fits your home and lifestyle. Our goal is to make a match, and gathering some basic information will help us do that for you and for the pets in our care. Once you return your application, an ARF SEPA adoption coordinator will contact you, and if it seems that you and the pet are a good fit for each other, we’ll set up a meet-and-greet. If that goes well, we’ll set up another appointment to process the adoption. Please note that all pets live in a home with a foster family – we do not operate a shelter building. Also, ARF SEPA does not do “same day” adoptions, for we want you to get supplies and get ready to welcome your new pet into your home and life. Thank you for thinking rescue with ARF SEPA!

Pet ownership is a serious and long-term responsibility. Cats have an average lifespan of 10 to 18 years and some live much longer than that. The policy of the Animal Rescue Foundation of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc. (ARF SEPA) is to ensure that each person who adopts a pet not only be aware of the commitment but be capable of and willing to accept that responsibility - morally, physically and financially. It is quite true that not every person who desires a pet should own one.

Interested parties must first meet the cat(s) they are interested in adopting, either at a foster home or outreach event. Interested parties must either own their home or rent and have permission from their landlord that they can have a pet. After the initial meet-and-greet, ARF SEPA will make a second appointment to process the adoption if it seems that you and the pet are a good fit for each other.

ARF SEPA’s adoption donation for each cat, regardless of age, is $100. If two cats are adopted at the same time to the same address, the second cat’s adoption donation is $1. Please note that the adoption donation is for the animal only, not as a down payment on vet care or towards spay/neuter, etc. Adoption donations help offset some of ARF SEPA’s veterinary and adoption promotion costs, which run well more than $100 per rescued cat. Each adult cat (over 6 months) adopted from ARF SEPA has been examined by a veterinarian, tested for FELV/FIV, given a preventive dewormer, plus vaccinated for FVRCP and rabies. Kittens have their first vaccinations only (all other post-adoption care is at adopter’s expense). All cats must remain indoors at all times. Adopters must also agree to yearly veterinary exams, vaccinations and continual care of their pet.Adopters seeking declawed cats should adopt cats in foster care that were previously declawed by a prior owner. ARF SEPA will follow-up with adopters after adoption to ensure that adopted pets are thriving. ARF SEPA reserves the right to remove any adopted pet at any time if ARF SEPA feels the adopted pet is not being cared for properly, is being neglected or is in harm’s way for any reason.

The following questionnaire has been designed to aid both you and ARF SEPA in deciding if you and your family are adequately prepared to assume the type of responsible ownership which we are endeavoring to ensure for our adoptive animals and to find the best possible match between the potential adopter and the animal. Completion of this form does not constitute an agreement to adopt. ARF SEPA, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to decline any adoption.

PLEASE KEEP PAGE #1 AS A REFERENCE AND PLEASE SUBMIT PAGES 2-3 TO ARF SEPA. THANK YOU!!!

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**Today’s Date (MM/DD/YY): Best Time to Contact:**

**Your Name:**

**Street Address:**

**City / State / Zip:**

**Home Phone: Cell: Business:**

**E-mail address:**

How did you hear about ARF SEPA?

**Name of cat(s) you are interested in meeting:**

**(if you don’t have a particular pet, that’s okay, just tell us a little bit about the kind of pet that you’re looking for and we’ll suggest some great ones)**

What made you interested in this particular cat?

Reason adopting (circle): myself for the children gift breeding other

Type of dwelling you live in (circle): house apartment condo mobile home other

 Do you own or rent? (if you rent, please provide landlord name and phone):

This adopted cat will be an (circle): indoor cat outdoor cat indoor/outdoor

Where will the cat spend its days?

Where will the cat spend its nights?

How many hours per day will the cat be left alone?

How many adults live in your household? How many children (please list ages)?

Who will care for the cat?

Have you previously owned a cat?

 If so, what happened to the cat? still have, gave away, strayed off, died (how?), etc.

 Did your cat have an behavioral or health issues? (please explain)

What other animals do you presently own? (please list names, breeds and ages)

 Dogs

 Cats

 Other

Are your current pets spay/neutered? If not, why?

Who is your veterinarian? (please list name of vet or office, address and phone) (if you don’t currently have a veterinarian we can recommend some for you)

Are all of your animals (dogs and cats) current on all vaccinations?

How will you introduce your new pet to your existing pet(s)?

Under what circumstances would you not keep the cat?

 🞏 Divorce 🞏 New baby 🞏 New job 🞏 Illness 🞏 Never 🞏 Other (list):

Cats and kittens have been known to claw furniture, carpets, and drapes, dig in potted plants, etc.

 How do you intend to handle these potential problems?

 If this doesn’t work what would you do then?

 What do you feel is the best way to discipline a cat?

Would you declaw this cat?

How do you feel is the best way to discipline a cat?

What would you do with the cat if you had to move?

Do you or does anyone in your family have any known allergies to cats? 🞏 Yes 🞏 No

Are you aware that it could cost $350 – $400 (or more) a year to care for a cat? 🞏 Yes 🞏 No

Please sign and date this application. Please note that adoption decisions are based solely on what is deemed by ARF SEPA to be best for our rescued pets. In the case where there are two interested parties in the same cat, ARF SEPA will make a decision based on the cat’s needs and personality traits. In the case where two interested parties are equally qualified to adopt and are equally as good a fit for the pet, the application received first will be the approved application.

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 *Signature Date*