



H.A.R.T.

Adoption Application (please print)

Full Name: _____

Co-Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing address (if different) _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone(s): _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Employer: _____

The following questions will help us determine what cat is the perfect match for your family.

Is there a specific cat from our website that you are interested in? _____

Ages of all family members living in the home: _____

Who is the cat primarily for: Adult ___ Child ___

Does anyone in your household have pet allergies? _____

Does anyone in your household smoke inside the home? Yes ___ No ___

How long have you lived at your current address? _____ Own or Rent? _____

Landlord's name and phone number: _____

Do you have the permission of landlord to have a cat? _____

Will the cat be allowed outside? _____ Supervised or not? _____

If you live in Kings County are you aware of the new bylaw regarding cats roaming at large? It is now illegal to let your cats roam, they must be secured by an enclosure or harness and leash. Please be aware of your local bylaws.

Where will the cat stay when you are away from home? _____

May we visit your home prior to application approval if we so desire? _____ and if so, what time of day works best for you? _____

Would you ever declaw this cat (which is now illegal in NS) or remove dew claws, or any other cosmetic alterations not necessary for the cat's health? _____ If yes, why? _____

Please list all the pets you have owned in the past five years:

Species	Age	Sex	Spayed/ Neutered	Where is the pet now?
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Are your current pets, if you have any, up to date with vaccinations? _____

Have your current cats been tested for FELV and FIV? _____

Are your current pets spayed and/or neutered? _____

Please provide the full name, address, and phone number of your current veterinarian or the veterinarian(s) you used for the above listed animals:

Name _____ Phone _____

City _____ Province _____

Are you aware that routine costs of maintaining a cat average \$1,000.00 per year and can be much much more if surgery is required, a year? _____

Have you sold, given away, or surrendered a pet to a shelter? _____

If yes, please Specify _____ When you move what will you do with your cat?

Have you, or any member of your family/household been cited for cruelty to animals in the past? _____

Is there any reason why you would not keep this cat? _____

If YES please specify: _____

Is there anything in particular you would like to discuss with us before making a final decision, such as scratching furniture, litter box issues, nail trimming, behaviour, introduction to other pets, etc.??

IMPORTANT: Should your circumstances change at any time in the future and you are no longer able to care for your adopted cat, the cat may be surrendered back to H.A.R.T.

IMPORTANT: H.A.R.T. reserves the right to take back any cat adopted from us if we have knowledge that the cat has suffered neglect, abuse, lack of medical care or abandonment with the adopting party/s.

Do you understand and agree to this term? Yes/No _____

I/We attest that the Terms and Conditions of Adoption as stated above have been read in full by me/us and I/we understand that is part of the adoption process and will be enforced. I/we attest that the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge

Applicant's Signature

Co-applicant's Signature

Date: _____

H.A.R.T.
1147 New Road, Aylesford, NS B0P 1C0

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Laurie Wheeler, President, H.A.R.T. OR

Gloria Pauls, Vice President, H.A.R.T.

GENERAL INFORMATION on WHAT TO EXPECT

When picking up your kitty you must bring a proper pet carrier to bring your cat home in or the homecoming will be delayed until you can find one.

A designated room should be ready with food, water, litter box, scratch post, toys, a sleeping area and a place for kitty to hide in (a box with a hole cut in it works) and can also serve as the sleeping area.

NUTRITION:

All of our kittens have been given top quality food. Kittens should remain on kitten food for at least 6 months as it's important to their development. Not all are on the same brand – not all cats and kittens like the same food and some require special types for age stages and health conditions. We will

tell you before you adopt what the particular cat or kitten is eating so that you can be prepared before bringing your new feline home. Cats fed a wet food, or mostly wet food diet are less likely to develop kidney disease and other human diseases. When/if buying dry food the first two to be meat products. NOT MEAT BY-PRODUCTS! Foods with corn and other starchy foods should be avoided. Most grocery store pet foods have very poor nutritional value and contain dangerous ingredients.

BABY PROOF YOUR HOME:

Before bringing a kitten home, you will need to "baby proof" your home. You would be surprised what they can get into. One of the biggest dangers is leaving the toilet cover open. If a kitten falls in, it can't get out and will drown. Other dangers are plants, chemicals, dangling cords (blinds) and buckets of water left where they can reach them. Kittens, like babies explore everything.

It's also important to make all family members aware of the danger of opening the door before checking to see if the cat is anywhere near it. Cats are very slick at sneaking out and once outside, they will usually bolt. They can easily become lost, hit by a car or taken by a predator. This would be devastating. Keeping your doors locked would deter people who normally don't knock from unexpectedly opening the door, giving the cat a chance to escape. Advise visitors as well. Not all cats will try to escape but most rescued cats have lived outside and will likely try. Please make your home as safe as possible.

DO NOT PUT A COLLAR ON YOUR CAT OR KITTEN, EVER.

HEALTH:

When you bring your new feline home changes can occur in their health from stress. They sometimes "break out" (runny eyes, nose and sneezing) or have behavioural issues. Many come to us in this state and although they are cleared up at the time of adoption, change and stress in their lives can cause another break-out. If this happens, please contact us and we will guide you as to what to do. Most cases are not severe enough to require veterinary care but occasionally it is necessary.

Check their nails frequently. Nails can sometimes grow right into the pads of their paws causing great pain and risk of infection. Nails on cats with extra toes are sometimes hidden deep so check carefully. Your pet will have had a full examination by a vet, tested, vaccinated and

spayed/neutered. You will be responsible to take them to your vet for their booster shots. You will be provided with a veterinary certificate.

INTRODUCTION TO OTHER PETS:

If you have other pets in your home please DO NOT introduce the newcomers immediately (kittens or adult cats). This creates a great deal of stress for all of the animals and may cause the acceptance of each other to fail. Designate a room for the newcomer where it can adjust in safety and comfort. Introducing them too soon can cause a multitude of problems. We will discuss with you at the time of adoption as to how you should go about introductions. Doing it the proper way will greatly reduce stress and the possibility of stress related illnesses. Even if you don't have other pets, isolating them in a smaller, safe room (bathroom is fine) for the first week is ideal. Our kittens have not had the run of a home and it can be overwhelming for them to go to such a large "playground" where they will run themselves into a frenzy. Adult cats may hide in fear for weeks. Low key is the answer for the first week.

INTRODUCTION TO CHILDREN:

If you have young children in your home, please caution them to be gentle and not loud with the new cat. If the new pet feels threatened it may become fearful of the child and not want to be around her/him. Short visits, gentle handling and soft voices along with play works best. They love dangling toys. Some pets never want to be picked up while others are perfectly happy with it. Let the cat decide what it's comfortable with. The bonding process is different for every pet. Relax and let it happen. =^..^=