



Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals, Inc.

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ADOPTION APPLICATION

Name:..... Date:

Address: Daytime Phone:

Apt. No.:..... Evening Phone:

City, State, Zip: E-Mail Address:.....

Please note: This form must be filled out entirely and signed before an adoption can be finalized.

1. Where did you hear about Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals or see the dog/cat you wish to adopt?
2. What pet are you interested in?
3. About your home situation:
 - a. Why do you want to adopt a dog or cat?
 - b. Are there children at home? Yes No
 - c. If yes, what are their ages?
 - d. Do you own or rent your home?
 - e. If you rent, do you have written permission from the landlord to have a dog or cat? (Please provide this at the time of the adoption). Yes/No
 - f. Do you have other pets at home? If yes: #of dogs # of cats
 - g. What breed of dog(s) do you have currently?.....

4. Do you have a veterinarian now?

- NAME
- TOWN

Note: We require a non-refundable adoption fee of \$300.00 for puppies and dogs, and \$200.00 for cats and kittens to help defray the cost of their care. There is also a \$30.00 refundable spay/neuter fee required for any animal that has not already been spayed or neutered. In addition, owning a dog or cat will require other expenses. Sweetpea, at their discretion, may offer reduced fees for-senior, special needs or second pet adoptions.

Terms of Adoption

My signature below indicates that I am at least 18 years of age and intend to be the legal owner and the person responsible for the care and well-being of any animal I adopt from Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals Inc. By signing this application, I give representatives of Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals permission to contact my veterinarian, landlord or other rescue groups or humane societies for information to aid in the evaluation of whether the pet is appropriate for me. I understand that any misrepresentation of the true facts in this application will invalidate the adoption agreement and give Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals the right to reclaim the animal without refund of the adoption fee. Proof of home ownership or a letter from a landlord is required with this application.

Medical: I understand that the dog or cat has been given certain basic inoculations and other medical treatment for problems that Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals is aware of and can treat before adoption. The dog or cat that I am adopting is accepted by me "as is". Sweetpea will disclose to the adopter any known medical issues. I agree to provide yearly checkups, shots, and heartworm prevention. I understand that Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals makes no representations or warranties regarding the current or future medical condition of the dog or cat, and is not responsible for additional medical care for the dog or cat. While most dogs and cats are provided spayed or neutered, if I have adopted a dog or cat that has not been spayed or neutered, I agree to have the dog or cat spayed or neutered within sixty (60) days and send a copy of the certificate to Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals, P.O. Box 897, Rutland, MA 01543. Any dog or cat six months or older at the time of adoption must be spayed or neutered within sixty (60) days. Any dog or cat under six months of age at the time of adoption must be spayed or neutered within sixty (60) days after reaching six months of age. A refundable fee of \$30.00 will be taken at the time of adoption and returned when proof of spaying or neutering has been done. Any fee unclaimed will be put into a fund for the following purposes.

- (1) Educate the public about overpopulation of dogs and cats
- (2) A program to spay or neuter dogs or cats
- (3) A follow-up program to assure that animals adopted by the shelter are spayed or neutered.

Temperament: I understand that the dog or cat has not been evaluated in a home setting and that Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals makes no representations or warranties regarding the dog's or cat's behavior with adults, children or other animals, or provides guarantees as to the dog's or cat's characteristics, personality or training. I understand and agree that Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals is not responsible for any injuries or property damage resulting from the possession or ownership of this dog or cat.

Care: As the new owner of this dog or cat, I agree to provide the training required to ensure a secure and respectful dog or cat owner relationship. I will not let the dog run free without supervision, be chained out all day or all night, be allowed around children Linder 14 years of age without adult supervision, be allowed to ride loose in the back of a truck, or remain unattended in any vehicle in extreme temperatures (over 70 degrees Fahrenheit). I will license the dog in the town I live in and tag the dog or cat for identification purposes. If my dog must be left outside for lengthy periods, shelter must be provided by state law.

Adoption Termination: If, for any reason, the adoption is not satisfactory for the dog or cat, or adoptive owner, Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals requires that the dog or cat be returned, at the adoptive owner's expense, to Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals. The dog or cat may not be sold or given to a new owner without Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals' prior written approval. Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals reserves the right to take back this dog or cat if it is ever neglected, abused or improperly cared for. I agree to relinquish custody immediately upon request without need for further legal writ or court order. I agree to promptly contact Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals if the dog or cat is lost for more than 24 hours. I, on behalf of myself and all persons resident in the household where _____ [dog/cat name] will reside, hereby accept possession of title to _____ [dog/cat name] and responsibility for the animal identified above and hereby release, indemnify, and discharge Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland Animals, and its directors, officers, employees and agents, forever from and against any liability for any injury or damage to any person or property caused in the future by this adoption, or by said dog or cat, and from and against any causes of actions, suits, or demands whatsoever that may arise as, a result of such injury or damage.

A Waiting Period Of 48 Hours prior to delivery of an adopted animal will be required.

Adoption Fee: _____

Spay/Neuter Fee: Yes _____ No _____

DOG/CAT HABITS, IF ANY:

Signature

Date

Signature for Sweetpea, Friends of Rutland
Animals

Date