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## Animal Adoption Questionnaire

Please bring this completed form when visiting the shelter or email it to [adoption@specialpals.org](mailto:adoption@specialpals.org).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License # \_\_\_\_\_ Name of animal interested in \_\_\_\_\_

Currently employed?  Yes  No

Will you be the person financially responsible for this animal?  Yes  No

**Thank you for considering the adoption of a shelter animal! Before you decide to adopt, please consider the time, effort and funds necessary to provide proper care of an animal. Responsible pet ownership requires a commitment to provide care and companionship for the life of the animal. The decision to adopt a pet is an important one. In order to ensure that you and your pet will be happy for years to come, please take a few moments to carefully read and complete this application. Your answers are very important.**

Have you adopted from Special Pals Shelter before?  Yes  No If yes, which animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you still have the animal?  Yes  No If no, please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently live in a  House  Apartment  Condo  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently  Own  Rent  Lease

How long have you lived at your current residence? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are not the property owner, Special Pals, Inc. must verify the property owner's current pet policy.**

Landlord's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

How many adults live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Children? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household have allergies?  Yes  No

Who will be primarily caregiver of this animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this animal a gift?  Yes  No If yes, for whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your reason(s) for wanting to adopt this animal. (Ex: jogging buddy, couch warmer, companion, etc.)

How many hours will the animal be alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the animal be kept when no one is home? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the animal be kept at night? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard?  Yes  No Height of fence \_\_\_\_\_ Type of fence \_\_\_\_\_

If you have other pets in the home: Vaccinations current?  Yes  No Currently licensed?  Yes  No

Do you have a regular veterinarian?  Yes  No Vet's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Under what circumstances would you not keep this animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all of the pets you have had in the last 10 years, including current pets, and those you no longer own.

Species	Breed	Age	Sex M/F	Altered Y/N	Owned how long?	Still own? If no, why not?

I prefer animals that are:     Small                       Large                       Any Size

Please describe the temperament and activity level you are looking for in a pet. Check all that apply:  
 High Energy     Outdoorsy     Lap Animal     Mellow     Affectionate     Quiet     Guard Dog

I prefer an animal that: (Check all that apply)  
 Loves children and strangers     Tolerates children and strangers     Loves other animals  
 Tolerates other animals                       I have no preference if the animal gets along well with other animals

When it comes to relating to animals, I tend to be more:  
 Strict and demanding (the animal must work for treats)  
 Moderate (encourage good behavior, ignoring bad)  
 Lenient (the animal looks cute, so he/she gets the reward even without good behavior)

Is anyone living in your home nervous around or unsure of animals?  
 Very (e.g. bitten as a child)                       Moderately                       Some (no experience with animals)  N/A

The noise/activity level in my home is usually:  High     Medium     Low

I would enjoy brushing or grooming my animal:  Rarely     Occasionally     Daily     Weekly     Monthly

My ideal animal would: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bad animal habits I can't tolerate include: \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that false information will deny this adoption immediately. By signing this application, I understand and have been notified that Special Pals, Inc. reserves the right to deny or refuse any application without dispute or conflict. I understand that Special Pals, Inc. reserves the right to inspect my home prior to approving the application. I agree to release any/all of my pets' previous and current veterinary records to Special Pals, Inc.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by (SP Staff) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved / Denied (list reason) on (date) & by (initials):  
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**Notes, attempts to contact, and Vet / Medical history verification (STAFF USE ONLY: INITIAL AND DATE NOTES):**  
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