



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY  
HUMANE SOCIETY

DAWG Dog Adoption  
& Welfare Group

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Most of our available kittens are on a first come basis located at PetSmart: 2306 S Bradley Road in Santa Maria. For immediate assistance, we ask that you visit PetSmart, and you can fill out an application right in the store or bring this application with you. **Adoption fees are CASH only at the store.**

### APPLICATION PROCESS

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Thank you for your interest in adopting. Applications are approved according to the best match for both the animal and the family on a first come, first serve basis. If the animal has a pending application, you may fill out a back-up application. Please allow one full week for us to review your application and contact you. After an adoption counselor reviews your application, and your application has been approved, we will contact you to set up an adoption appointment. Must be at least 18 years to apply. Please thoroughly check your application before submitting it, if you miss an answer, your application may be automatically denied.

### NEXT STEPS

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1. Please fill out your application and email it back to us at info@syvhumane.org.
2. If you rent, we verify with your landlord that you may have an animal and if there are any restrictions.
3. Everyone residing in your household will need to meet your new potential companion.

## Adoption Application

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Where did you see the cat up for adoption? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cat/Kitten of Interest (1<sup>st</sup> Choice): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cat/Kitten of Interest (2<sup>nd</sup> Choice): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Since(mo/yr): \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Since(mo/yr): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any preferences: *Mark all that apply:*

<b>Sex:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> No preference	
<b>Age:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitten (under 6 months)	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (1-2yr)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult (3-7yr)	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (> 7yr)
<b>Good with:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cats	<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Likes People
<b>Activity Level:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Active/ Playful	<input type="checkbox"/> Shy/Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Working/Barn Cat	<input type="checkbox"/> Lounger
<b>Other Must Have Qualities:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Easily Handled	<input type="checkbox"/> Litter box trained	<input type="checkbox"/> Declawed	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs
	<input type="checkbox"/> Affectionate	<input type="checkbox"/> Likes to be held	<input type="checkbox"/> Cuddler	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

1. Do you understand that it can take anywhere from 3 weeks to 3 months for a newly adopted shelter cat to fully acclimate to their new environment?  Yes  No
2. Are you willing to permit a pre-home visit and/or follow up adoption visits (if applicable)?  Yes  No
3. Have you ever sold, rehomed, relinquished, surrendered, or returned an animal?  Yes  No  
If yes, When/Why? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you ever had an application declined for adoption of an animal?  Yes  No  
If yes, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOUSEHOLD

5. Our new cat will be  Indoor Only  Indoor/Outdoor  Outdoor Only  Barn/Working Cat
6. Do you have a dog/cat door?  Yes  No
7. Will your new cat be allowed to go outside?  Yes  No
  - a. If yes, do you plan on getting your new cat tested and vaccinated for Feline Leukemia (FELV)?  
 Yes  No  I'm not sure what that is, could a staff member explain
8. Will the cat have free roam of the house?  Yes  No
  - a. If not, where will your cat be kept? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many litter boxes do you plan on having? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Where do you plan on keeping them? \_\_\_\_\_
10. For whom are you adopting the cat?  Self/Family  Gift for \_\_\_\_\_  Other family member
11. What is your household activity level?  Quiet/Serene  Some Activity  Very Active
12. How would you describe the amount and type of visitors or guests at your residence?
  - Few Visitors/ Guests  Many Visitors/Guests  Adult Visitors/ Guests  Child Visitors/Guests
  - Teenage Visitors/Guests  Workers Gardeners, Pool Cleaners, Etc.
13. Are you currently working from home due to COVID-19?  Yes  No
  - a. If yes, do you plan on keeping the cat when you return to work?  Yes  No

14. Place of residence:  House  Townhome  Duplex  Condo  Apartment  Mobile Home
- a. How long have you lived at your current residence? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Do you  Own  Rent
- c. If you rent, do you have the landlord's permission to have this cat?  Yes  No

Landlord/Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

- i. If yes, Is there a pet deposit?  Yes  No
- ii. Have you already paid your deposit?  Yes  No  No Deposit

15. List **all** people living at your residence:

Name	Age	Relationship

- a. Do you have permission from everyone in the household to adopt this cat?  Yes  No
- b. Does any member of your household have any allergies to animals?  Yes  No  
If yes, how will that be addressed?

16. What is your experience with cat?  This will be my first cat  I have/had cats  
If this is your first cat, what research have you done in preparation? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. How many pets do you *currently* own? \_\_\_\_\_  
Please briefly describe all dogs/cats:

Name	Age	Breed	Sex	Fixed?	Behavioral and/or Medical

Do you have other animals?  Fish  Horses  Livestock  Other \_\_\_\_\_

18. List all pets which you have owned in the past 10 years: (Do not list animals mentioned above)

Name	Breed	Age	Behavioral and/or Medical Concerns	What happened to this pet?

19. If you haven't owned an animal in the past 10 years, how long has it been since you were a pet owner?  
 10-15 years  No

20. How many hours will the cat be left unattended on a workaday? \_\_\_\_\_ hours

## CARE

21. Have you considered the extra expenses that will come with having a cat including vet care, food, supplies and equipment, toys, training, and boarding?  Yes  No
22. How much do you plan on spending per year to care for this cat? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Who will be responsible caring for the cat? Such as cleaning the litter box and feeding the cat?  
 Self  Spouse  Whole Family  Other family member \_\_\_\_\_
24. How often do you travel (pre-covid)? \_\_\_\_\_ per year
25. Who will take care of the cat when you travel?  Cat-sitter  Neighbor  Friend  Boarding facility  
 Other family member \_\_\_\_\_
26. Who will take care of the cat if something happens to primary caregiver?  Spouse  Neighbor  
 Friend  Return to shelter  Other \_\_\_\_\_
27. If you are adopting with a partner or a spouse, who will get custody if there is a breakup or divorce?  
\_\_\_\_\_
28. List your current primary full-service veterinarian or the one you intend to use for your new cat.

**\*DO NOT LEAVE BLANK\***

Hospital Name	Vet Name	City	Phone Number

29. In case of an emergency, who will care for this cat?
- a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE

*We cannot 100% guarantee that any of our shelter cats are litterbox trained and may have accidents while they are getting used to your home and routine.*

30. Are you willing to take the time to litter train a cat?  Yes  No
31. Do you understand that changing an animal's environment (like adopting them into a new home or even moving) may cause them to have accidents?  Yes  No
32. What would you do if the cat was destructive? (scratching, eating plants, etc..) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
33. What is the name of the trainer/facility you would contact for assistance?  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I'm not sure and I would ask SYVHS and D.A.W.G for recommendations

## Additional Questions

34. Are you or your spouse with the military?  Yes  No?
- a. Do you plan on taking the cat with you if you move (even if overseas)  Yes  No  
If no, please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

35. Declawing is when cats' first digits are surgically amputated so the nail cannot grow.

- a. Do you plan on getting your adopted cat declawed?  Yes  No
- b. Do you understand what declawing is?  Yes  No

36. Would you like to add any additional information about yourself/family? Describing your household and the 'perfect' cat for your household (HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!)

37. For some animals, references may help us decide if you are the right fit for the animal:

Name	Phone Number	Relationship

38. Which of the following reasons might prompt you to return or rehome your cat? Mark all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Moving to New Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Problems (Cat or Family)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive with other pets
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/ Break up	<input type="checkbox"/> Pressure to give up cat	<input type="checkbox"/> Scratching furniture
<input type="checkbox"/> Landlord revokes permission to have cat	<input type="checkbox"/> New Spouse/Partner doesn't like the cat	<input type="checkbox"/> Biting/scratching people
<input type="checkbox"/> New Job	<input type="checkbox"/> New Baby	<input type="checkbox"/> Not enough time for cat
<input type="checkbox"/> Death of Family Member	<input type="checkbox"/> I would NEVER give up my cat	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial problems
<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot find residence that allows cats	<input type="checkbox"/> None of these reasons	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

If you selected any of the return answers above, please explain:

Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society in partnership with Dog Adoption & Welfare Group does not place animals on holds for any reason. I have read the above information carefully and have filled out this application 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 an adoption takes place, I understand that the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society in partnership with Dog Adoption & Welfare Group reserves the right to annul the adoption and reclaim the animal. I give SYVHS/DAWG permission to fully investigate the information provided as well as contact veterinarians and related officials. In addition, I understand the adoption decision is dependent on many factors. I understand that that the SYVHS/DAWG will select the most appropriate applicant based on the best match for the animal. SYVHS/DAWG does not discriminate based on race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, height, weight, physical or mental ability, veteran status, and marital status. I agree that the decision that has been made is in the animal's best interest and I will not dispute the selection process. Our selections are made on the best applicant for each animal.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co- Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_