



RappCats was founded in 2007 and is a feline rescue and advocacy group specializing in placing cats with good people in good homes.

Mission Statement: RappCats is an all-volunteer organization working to help the stray, abused, abandoned, and unwanted cats of Rappahannock County. We offer a central point of contact to provide information and options for low-cost spay/neuter, veterinary care, temporary and permanent homes. Our immediate mission is to create a sustainable cat rescue for our community.

We take extra care to be certain the cats put up for adoption are cared for and healthy prior to adopting them out.

RappCats is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers, registered with the Commonwealth of Virginia as a non-profit all-volunteer organization. We accept donations gratefully. Please send all donations to the address listed above.

We strongly endorse measures such as spaying and neutering of cats and other companion animals and believe in the rights of all animals to be humanely and fairly treated by humans.

Please note that, like other rescue groups and like public shelters, RappCats charges an adoption fee to offset the costs of medical services and supplies so our cats are healthy and ready for adoption. RappCats operates entirely through uncompensated volunteer time and the money we collect is donations and adoption fees. Also the adoption fee tests the commitment of the adopter and roundly discourages any attempts to acquire cats for the purpose of selling them for unthinkable reasons, such as to vivisection labs, etc. It acts in this way as a sort of “earnest money.”

Thank you for your interest in providing a life long home for one of our cats. The completion of this questionnaire is the first step towards what we hope will be many years of happiness for both you and our rescue cat. Once you’ve answered all of the questions, your application will be reviewed and you will be contacted to schedule a home visit. **We do not respond to incomplete applications.** Please understand that we want the best fit for you and the rescued cat.

Bear in mind that completing this process **does not guarantee** an adoption approval. We want the best match of personality, temperament and home environment for both the adoptive family and the cat. **We are looking out for the best interests of our cats.** We are the only voice that they have.

If your application is approved, you will be asked to sign a legally binding contract when adopting your cat. The adoption fee is currently \$85 for each cat. This adoption fee covers a number of services (medical, food, etc.) to provide you with a healthy pet.

Example of fees we pay:

Procedure	Cost
Sterilization	\$35-\$50
Feline Leukemia/FIV Combo test	\$20
Rabies Vaccine	\$10
Distemper (FVRCP or RCCP)	\$10
Deworming	\$10

The above examples do not include food, litter, post-operative drugs, and other routine expenses. All adoption fees go directly to providing medical care, food, litter and shelter for our rescued cats.

Once the paperwork has been completed and you pay the adoption fee, you’ll be able to take your new companion home. You do need to provide a carrier for transport. We will contact you after the adoption for follow up.

Conditions of adoption:

- You must have a valid identification showing your current address and your age.
- If you are renting, we will need to see a copy of your lease that shows that you are permitted to have a pet. If you own your home, we do verify home ownership.

- You must be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide training, medical treatment and proper care for a cat.
 - You must be willing to provide a life long commitment to the care and well being of your cat. If you are not prepared to accept a lifetime of loving commitment (companion animals can live 15 – 20 years) to an adoptive pet, please look elsewhere.
 - RappCats adopts regardless of the individual's race, gender, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age or disability.
 - RappCats reserves the right to refuse the adoption of any cat without stating a reason.
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To help ensure the best possible match between you and your chosen cat and to reduce the possibility that you might have to return him or her, please answer the following questions before making your decision. Remember, this is a lifetime commitment. We will ask you to sign a legal contract when adopting your and a non-refundable adoption fee to partly reimburse RappCats for vet fees, which include spaying/neutering (if the pet is four months old or older), feline leukemia/FIV test, distemper and rabies vaccinations, and deworming.

How did you hear about RappCats? _____

Reasons for wanting cat: mouser for kids house pet gift companionship other: _____

Cat(s) being considered for adoption: _____

Name:	Date:
Address:	Email Address:
City/State/Zip:	Employer:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:

How long have you lived at this address? _____

Are you planning to move in the next 6 months? Yes No

Have you adopted from RappCats before?

If so, when? _____ Name of cat _____?

Please check all that apply:

Do You?	Activity Level:	Household Has:	You Live With:	Residence Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Own	<input type="checkbox"/> Quiet	<input type="checkbox"/> live alone	<input type="checkbox"/> spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> house
<input type="checkbox"/> Rent	<input type="checkbox"/> Active	<input type="checkbox"/> adults only	<input type="checkbox"/> parents	<input type="checkbox"/> condo
<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Hectic	<input type="checkbox"/> family with children ages: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> children	<input type="checkbox"/> apartment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Seldom home		<input type="checkbox"/> significant other	<input type="checkbox"/> mobile home
			<input type="checkbox"/> other pets	<input type="checkbox"/> dormitory
			<input type="checkbox"/> roommates	<input type="checkbox"/> other

How many adults live in your household? _____ Children? _____ Children's Ages: _____

Does anyone in your household have any allergies to domestic animals: Yes No

If allergies develop, are you willing to take steps to keep the pet? Yes No

Prior to adoption, RappCats will contact your current or former veterinarian.

Current or Former Vet: _____ Phone: _____

Your Current Pets:

Pet's Name	Species	Age	Spayed/Neutered		How Long Owned	Kept Inside/Outside	
			Yes	No		In	Out
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No	_____	In	Out
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No	_____	In	Out
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No	_____	In	Out

Former Pets (within last five years)

Pet's Name	Species	Age	Spayed/Neutered		How Long Owned	Kept Inside/Outside		Reason for Separation
			Yes	No		In	Out	
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No	_____	In	Out	_____
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No	_____	In	Out	_____
_____	_____	_____	Yes	No	_____	In	Out	_____

We are looking for people who will make every effort possible to keep their cat(s) for the entire life of the pet (12-18 years or more). Are you prepared for this obligation?

Are you willing to spend the money necessary for updating shots on time, spay/neutering & emergency care for you pet?
 Yes No

Matching Questions to be asked by adoption committee person:

1. Describe what you are looking for in a cat:

Gender	Age	Coat	Activity Level	Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female <input type="checkbox"/> no preference	<input type="checkbox"/> kitten <input type="checkbox"/> teen <input type="checkbox"/> adult <input type="checkbox"/> no preference	<input type="checkbox"/> short <input type="checkbox"/> medium <input type="checkbox"/> long <input type="checkbox"/> no preference	<input type="checkbox"/> low <input type="checkbox"/> medium <input type="checkbox"/> high <input type="checkbox"/> very active	<input type="checkbox"/> indoor only <input type="checkbox"/> outdoor only <input type="checkbox"/> indoor/outdoor RappCats requires cats to be housed indoors unless special exception.
Other	Characteristics			
	<input type="checkbox"/> playful <input type="checkbox"/> affectionate <input type="checkbox"/> rambunctious	<input type="checkbox"/> aloof <input type="checkbox"/> shy <input type="checkbox"/> lazy	<input type="checkbox"/> lap cat <input type="checkbox"/> naughty <input type="checkbox"/> friendly	<input type="checkbox"/> tolerant <input type="checkbox"/> vocal

2. Does everyone in the house agree with adopting a new pet at this time?

Where will you keep your cat? indoor only outdoors free access to outdoors in the barn

3. other: _____

(RappCats has a policy of requiring all adopted cats to be housed indoors, unless an exception is made and noted on this application).

4. If you wish to let the cat outside, will the cat be supervised and in a safe location?

5. If you are looking for a declawed cat, what are your concerns about having a cat with claws?

6. Tell us about your past experiences with pets?

7. **For kittens:** How long has it been since you have raised a kitten? Is your house kitten-proofed?

8. **For senior cats:** Do you understand that senior cats often require vet visits twice a year, including blood tests to insure good health? Are you prepared to handle the financial obligation?

9. How many hours will the cat spend alone each day?

10. Your pet may take two months or more to adjust to its new home. Will you allow enough time for the pet to make the adjustment?

11. What will you do if the cat does not get along with your other pets?

12. Have you ever had an experience with a cat that did not use the litter box? If so, what did you do?

13. What behaviors in the cat will you not tolerate or find difficult to manage?

14. Do you have any concerns about adopting?

15. One cat will cost an average of \$400 per year in food, litter, and regular medical care (not including emergencies). Are you prepared for this financial obligation?

16. If you are required to move homes, move out of the state, or out of the country, will you take the cat with you?

17. Have you ever surrendered a pet to an animal shelter or animal rescue group? If so, when and why?

18. The cat or kittens demeanor may be different upon going home. Many kitties will relax, become playful, and/or let their personality blossom after feeling safe. If the cat is not a good match for your home, will you agree to bring the cat back to us?

19. Do you have any questions regarding:

- a. Litter box training
- b. Indoors vs. outdoors
- c. Scratching furniture?

- d. Vaccines/annual vet visits
- e. Diet
- f. Declawing

- g. Cats with children
- h. Cats who escape outdoors
- i. Identification tags or microchips

j. Other questions?

We contact all adoptive families at 3 days and 3 weeks after an adoption, as well as 3-4 months after an adoption, to check on the welfare of the cat and to answer any questions. After an adoption, if your contact information changes, we that you email us your current information. Do you agree to do this?

I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment. If any changes occurs affecting this statement, I will notify RappCats promptly. I have read this statement, and by my signature below, certify to RappCats that it is true. I understand that RappCats has the right to refuse any applicant.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOR RAPPCATS ONLY

RappCats Adoptions Volunteer:

Name (please print): _____

1. Please list any concerns about adopting to the applicant?

2. License or Id checked?

3. Vet check completed on _____ by (volunteer) _____.

- All pets sterilized?
- Overall welfare of pets?
- Any vet concerns about adopting a cat?

4. DNA book reviewed on _____ by (volunteer) _____.

5. Cat goes home on _____

6. 3 day follow up contact completed on _____ by (volunteer) _____.

7. 3 week follow up email/call completed on _____ by (volunteer) _____.

8. 3 month follow up call completed on _____ by (volunteer) _____.

“Adopted by the RappCats Board, 2/21/10”