



It is the Rescue Angels of Southern Maryland's (RASM) policy to attempt to place each of our rescued animals in a home that is well-suited to their needs. Once the animal is placed from our rescue, the animal cannot be sold, given away or otherwise transferred. If the adopter is, at anytime, unable to keep or continue to maintain the animal for any reason, the animal must be returned to RASM.

We work hard at matching our animals to adopters so that they may end their search for a loving, permanent home. Temperament, special needs and personality are all factors in our placements.

The following are the steps taken in the application process:

Step #1 The Adoption Application

The application must be filled out completely including vet information and references (2 personal non-family). Your application will be reviewed and your references will be contacted. We contact your veterinarian to ensure that your current pets or recently deceased pets are/were properly taken care of- this means being current on all vaccinations and spayed or neutered. In order to speed up the process, you may want to contact your veterinarian and let them know to expect our call.

Step #2 Personal Interview

You will be interviewed by a RASM volunteer either by phone, email or in person. This is an opportunity to learn more about you, your family, other pets and type of pet you are looking for. During this time we may learn that the animal you have picked may not be well suited to be homed with you and we may ask you to consider another animal. This interview may be done if you are completing this application in person.

Step #3 The Home Visit

If all goes well with the application verification, we will schedule a home visit. A home visit is used to make sure the environment is a safe environment for your new pet. All pets and family members should be home at this time.

Step #4 Meeting Your Potential Adoptee

Once we have the above steps completed, arrangements will be made for you to meet the animal you wish to adopt.

Step #5 Finalizing the Adoption

Once the adoption is approved, we will contact you to finalize the adoption. You will need to sign the contract and pay the adoption fee. At this time you can pick up your new member of the family!

RASM reserves the right to deny adoption to any applicant based on findings during our adoption process.



Please read the following!

By filling out our application you are agreeing to these terms. These terms have been developed with the best interest of the pets and their future families in mind. Adopting a pet is a long-term commitment that should not be entered into lightly.

To be considered as an adopter, you must:

- Be 21 years of age or older.
- If you rent your home you must have consent from your landlord to have a cat/dog.
- Agree to allow us to contact your current vet to verify the care of your current pets.
- Agree to spay/neuter the cat/dog within 1 month of adoption or the date specified on the adoption contract (at age 6 months for kittens/puppies).
- Be able and willing to spend time/money necessary to provide training, medical treatments and proper care for the entire lifetime of the cat/dog.
- Provide the dog a collar and nametag to be worn at all times.
- Always have dogs on a leash if outside of the home and confines of a fenced in yard. Never travel with a dog in the bed of a pick-up truck. Cats are to be transported anywhere in a carrier.
- Allow cat/dog to sleep indoors and be part of the family. Cats are to be kept indoors only.
- Never allow dog or cat to be left unattended with young children.

The Rescue Angels is an all (unpaid) volunteer organization. For each application we receive it takes us approximately 3 hours to review, contact all personal and veterinary references, and make a decision on approval of it. Depending upon volunteer availability, this can take us several days (7-10) to accomplish, especially when we receive many applications or if we have difficulties reaching references. At any time we may request to do a home inspection.

An approved application means that the applicant is approved to adopt a cat/dog from our organization, it is not a guarantee that the applicant will be allowed to adopt the cat/dog specified on the application. We often receive applications for the same animal, so please don't be too disappointed if your application is approved but another approved applicant is selected to adopt the animal of your choice. We always try to adopt siblings together if it is best for the animals, so if someone is willing to take both, and they are approved, they will be moved to the top of the list for adoption. We strive to do our best, and always take the best interest of the cat/dog into consideration. Not all applicants will be contacted or approved. We reserve the right to adopt the animals to the home that best suits their needs and this is not chosen on a first come first served basis.

The adoption application must be filled out completely. If anything is left blank we will deny the application!



What pet(s) are you interested in? Name(s): _____ Cat/Dog: _____ How did you find out about this cat/dog? _____ Male/female? _____ If this cat/dog is not available, will you consider another? Yes or No Would you be interested in fostering this cat/dog with intention to adopt? Yes or No
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ANIMAL ADOPTION APPLICATION

Completion of this application does not guarantee adoption of a Rescue Angels of Southern Maryland animal.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Are there children at the residence where pet will be living? If yes, what are their ages: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Do you live in a House _____ Apartment _____ Condominium _____ Town House _____ Other _____

How long have you lived at this address _____

Do you Own _____ Rent _____ If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to have a pet? Yes No

Landlord's Name, Phone Number/Email: _____

Will the cat/dog primarily live indoors or outdoors?: _____

About what percent of the time will the cat/dog be left alone? _____

What area(s) of the house will the cat/dog be allowed into? _____

For dog adoptions: Do you have a fenced yard? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have experience with crate training? Yes _____ No _____

Will you be able to walk/exercise/play with dog daily? Yes _____ No _____

What best describes a dog for your lifestyle: sofa buddy _____ active companion _____

Who will be responsible for taking care of the pet?: _____

What would happen to the cat/dog if you moved?: _____

Do you have a backup plan for ownership and care of your pet should something happen to you?: _____

Does anyone in your household have allergies?: Yes _____ No _____ What kind? _____

Why do you want a cat/dog?

(Check all that apply)

How would you train this cat/dog?

(Check all that apply)

Companion			Obedience school		Physical Contact	
Gift			Spray bottle of water		Firm verbal commands	
Companion for other pet			Clicker/hand signals			
Protection			Other, please explain			
Other						

Do you have a regular veterinarian? Yes _____ No _____ If so, vet's name?: _____
 Name of Clinic: _____ Phone number: _____
 Location/Address: _____
 If you currently do not have a vet, would you like us to recommend one to you?: _____
 Do you have a pet sitter/boarding facility that you employ when you are on vacation? If so, who? _____

List all pets you have owned the past five years:

Name	Cat/Dog/ Breed	Sex (M/F)	Spayed/Neutered	Age	How long have you had pet?	Indoors or outdoors?	Where is pet now?

Are you able to make a long term commitment to care for the pet as a family member for its entire life span, which could be as much as 10-20 years? Yes _____ No _____

If behavioral problems arise, such as clawing furniture, chewing, or urinating outside of litter box/in the house, what steps will you take to find a solution?:

Under what circumstances would you not be able to keep the pet?: _____

Have you ever surrendered, sold, given away, or dumped an animal that you have owned?: Yes or No
 If yes, please explain.

Please provide the name, phone number, and email for two references (other than relatives):

- Name _____ Relationship _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____
- Name _____ Relationship _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____

All animals are to be kept inside only. Cats and kittens cannot be declawed. (please initial) _____

By signing below, I am attesting to the truthfulness of my answers. Falsification of any of the above information will be grounds for rejection of this application and possible removal of adopted cat or dog from my home. I consent to RASM representatives discussing information on this application with any persons named on the application. RASM reserves the right to refuse an application for any reason. All completed applications become property of RASM.

I give RASM permission to fully investigate the information provided as well as contact veterinarians and related officials. If the application passes this review, I agree to a home visit on a mutually agreed date by a RASM representative before an adoption decision is made.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

The Rescue Angels of Southern Maryland reserves the right to refuse adoption to any applicant for any reason. This questionnaire becomes part of our contract.

Adoption fees are \$125 for one kitten/cat or \$200 for two cats/kittens. Adoption fees for dogs are \$300. The adoption fee covers the initial required veterinary care for adoption. A portion of the fee may help provide care for other animals in the organization and is not refundable after a trial period of 10 days. Rescue Angels of Southern Maryland, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.