



second chance rescue & rehoming

non-profit animal rescue and rehabilitation

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in adopting a pet from Second Chance Rescue & Rehoming (SCRR)! The below information is intended to help you understand "who we are" and how we operate. Please take a moment to read this important information before you begin the application process.

Who are we? We are a 501c3 non-profit animal rescue & rehabilitation organization located in Gainesville, FL.

Mission Statements:

1. Dedicated to the rehabilitation of unwanted, neglected and homeless pets with the intent to find them new, permanent and loving homes.
2. Committed to providing a sanctuary for abused, neglected and unwanted animals of all species.
3. Dedicated to promoting responsible pet ownership through education and by setting an example.

Where do the animals in our program come from originally? The majority of the animals in our program were originally scheduled for euthanasia at one of our local animal control facilities.

The sad truth ...

Animals at our county shelters may be selected for euthanasia if ...

- they don't get adopted in a timely manner from that facility,
- they are scared, fearful or timid and therefore don't "show" well,
- they have medical and/or surgical conditions,
- they are voluntarily "owner surrendered",
- the shelters are simply out of cage space
- We strive to prevent the euthanasia of these healthy, loving, adoptable pets by taking them into our program and finding them wonderful, loving, lifelong homes.

Why do we ask for an adoption fee?

When an animal enters our program, we typically have a lot of "work" to do before that particular individual is ready to find their forever home. Our adoption fees help us to continue providing excellent quality care & services to animals who need our help. We also provide our foster parents with all necessary supplies while their pet is in foster care. Our organization is completely non-profit and therefore, all adoption fees are considered a donation. There is no refund of adoption fees if an animal doesn't "work out" or is returned to our program.

Prior to being adopted, all animals in our program are:

- examined by a veterinarian
- spayed or neutered
- on monthly flea & heartworm prevention
- up to date on age appropriate vaccinations
- tested for intestinal parasites & common infectious diseases
- treated for any pre-existing medical and/or surgical conditions
- dewormed
- microchipped (dogs & puppies)

In addition to the animals available for adoption, we also provide lifelong care to a variety of "permanent residents".

- We offer a safe haven for geriatric animals who simply need a safe, loving "retirement home".
- We care for animals who have lifelong medical concerns and who require lifelong medications / treatments.
- We cater to animals who have behavioral concerns.
- We provide "end of life" care to animals who are suffering and who have terminal illnesses or conditions.
- We never discriminate against age, breed, physical appearance, background or health status.

Our adoption process:

Adopting and owning a pet is a serious, lifelong commitment & our adoption process is designed to help ensure a perfect, lifelong match between you, your family and your new pet. We will go out of our way to accommodate everyone involved, however, we do not cater to impulse decisions and we do not conduct "same day adoptions". We focus on conducting "quality" adoptions that will last a lifetime.

A typical "on site" adoption involves:

1. The applicant identifies a pet of interest and fully completes a written application.
2. An adoption counselor reviews your application and discusses any potential concerns/questions.
3. If the written application is accepted, a "pending adoption" is placed on the pet of interest.
4. References, rental policies, etc, are checked within 72 hours of completion of the application.
5. You will be notified of our decision within 72 hours after completion of the application.

Alternatively, some applicants download and complete an application via our website. If we receive an application prior to an adoption event, we are able to check references ahead of time and speak with you in advance; it may then be possible to be pre-approved and thus take a pet home during the event itself.

* Please note: A completed application does not guarantee that the adoption process will continue. We reserve the right to deny an adoption at any time during the application process. We will deny an adoption if we are not confident that a perfect match is being made for all parties involved. While we understand that this decision can be frustrating, please don't take it personally as we are simply looking out for everyone's best interest.

What makes SCRR unique?

Once an animal enters our program, we make a lifelong commitment to that animal. When you adopt an animal from our organization, you and your family become an extension of our "family". We make ourselves available to you and your new pet even after the adoption is complete.

Post adoption services that are typically utilized include (but are not limited to):

- Basic training / behavior advice via phone and /or e-mail
- Continuity of veterinary services (please ask us for details)
- Local referrals (ie boarding, grooming, doggie day care services, pet sitting, etc)

We are very dedicated to our cause and we hope that you feel comfortable & confident that we have our animal's best interest in mind. We look forward to working with you and we thank you for your time and desire to learn more about us. Please feel free to ask us questions along the way and please notify us if, during the adoption process, you decide to go elsewhere or change your mind about the pet of interest. We invest a lot of time during each adoption process and your courtesy is much appreciated.

Thank you,
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APPLICATION TO ADOPT A PET

Thank you for your interest in adopting a pet through Second Chance Rescue & Rehoming, Inc. Please fill out the application (print or type) and return it to Second Chance Farm, Inc. This information is very important as we make every effort to ensure that our animals will be happy in their new home ... and that our new families will be happy with their new pet. Due to the number of applications that we receive, incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Please do your best to be complete and provide detailed answers as this helps us to ensure a good "match".

Please List the Animal(s) that you are interested in adopting from us:

Your Name _____
Age: _____
Spouse/Partner/Roommate _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Cell phone _____ Other _____
Employer _____ Occupation _____
Email Address: _____

E-mail address: If you have an email account it will be the primary means of our communication - please check it regularly.

Please list three personal references and his/her relationship to you:

Name _____ Relationship _____
Phone _____

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Name of Current or last Veterinarian/Animal Hospital:

Name & Address _____ Phone _____

List the Last and First name records are under _____

If you do not have a regular vet, do you know where you will take a new pet for veterinary care?

Please briefly describe the kind of pet you are interested in adopting:

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Reason for sex preference? _____
Breed/mix: _____ Size: _____

What is your primary reason for wanting to adopt a new pet? Please mark all that apply.

- Companion for myself and/or family
 Companion for another pet
 Gift for someone. If so, who? _____
 Safety (ie guard dog/watch dog)
 Exercise partner (ie jogging partner)

How long have you wanted to adopt a new pet? _____

How long have you actively been looking? _____

How long do you plan on keeping this new pet?

When do you want to adopt a new pet?

Right Away In a few weeks Over a month from now

If you're interested in adopting a dog, do you have a crate to keep your new dog in when you are not home to help with training? _____

Please list your **current pets** (including dogs, cats, and any other pets)

Name Breed and Age Years Owned Where is the pet kept? Spayed/Neutered?

Are your pets up to date on vaccines? Yes or No

If your pets are not spayed/neutered please explain why?

Do your pets have any physical or behavioral problems? _____

Do they get along with other dogs? _____ Do they get along with cats? _____

If you have cats, are they declawed? _____

How many and what type of pets have you had in the past? What happened to these pets, if you don't still have them?

Do you have the room/ability to keep your new pet separate from your other animals temporarily if necessary? _____

Approximately how many hours per day will your pet be alone (ie. when you're at work, school, running errands, etc)? _____

Where will you keep the pet when you are not home?

How will your new dog spend its days? (Circle all that apply)

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|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| Indoors | Crated | Basement | Garage | Porch |
| Locked in room | Fenced Yard | Loose unfenced | Tied outside | |
| Dog house | Kennel run | Doggy daycare | | |

How will your new pet spend its nights? (Circle all that apply)

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|----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------|------|
| Indoors | Crated | Basement | Garage | Porch | | |
| Locked in room | Loose unfenced | Tied outside | Dog house | Kennel run | Fenced | Yard |

If adopting a cat, do you want him/her to live indoor only, indoor/outdoor, outdoor only? Please explain.

If adopting a dog or puppy, are you willing to enroll your dog or puppy in an obedience class if necessary? _____

Do you consider routine heartworm prevention, flea prevention and vaccination to be an important part of your pet's well being? How often do you think these things are needed?

Are your current pets up to date on their annual vaccines and preventative care (ie flea and heartworm prevention)? What products do you use for flea and heartworm prevention? _____

How much are you prepared/able to spend on annual, routine health care for your pet (ie. food, toys, treats, routine veterinary care, flea & heartworm prevention, etc)?

If you had to move to a new home, what would happen to your pet(s). Please explain.

If for any reason you were unable to keep your new pet, would you be willing/able to return the pet at your expense to Second Chance Farm? _____ Yes _____ No

Your Children/Family:

Do you have any children that live in your home? _____ Yes _____ No

How many? _____ What are their ages? _____

Have they been around pets before? _____ Yes _____ No

How many adults live in your home? _____

Does everyone in the household know and agree with adopting the animal you're interested in?

Who will be the primary caretaker for your new pet? _____

Do you or anyone living in your household have any known allergy to animals?

_____ Yes _____ No

Is anyone in your home afraid of dogs or cats ? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, please explain _____

Your Home Environment:

What type of residence do you have (please circle)?

Single family home, apartment in a house, apartment in a complex, condominium, duplex, townhouse, rowhouse, mobile home, farm or other?

What is your living arrangement?

_____ Home Owner _____ House Rental _____ Live with Parents _____ Apt. Rental

If you rent, do you have written permission from your landlord to have a dog/cat?

_____ Yes _____ No

Landlord's Name: _____ Phone _____

Are there a certain number of animals that you are allowed to have?

Yes No

If yes, what is the limit? _____

Which setting best describes you home? Urban, Suburban, Rural

Do you have a yard? _____ Is it fenced? _____

How will you exercise a new dog if you do not have a fenced yard?

Do you have a pool? _____ If so, is it fenced? _____

Does your community have any community restrictions or breed specific restrictions on dogs?
Please explain.

Home Visit: Would you agree to allow us to visit your home by appointment as part of our application process.

_____ Yes

_____ No

ADOPTION FEES: All animals are healthy, spayed or neutered and are up-to-date on age appropriate vaccines at the time of adoption. To help defray the cost of medical care, housing, feeding & routine health maintenance while at Second Chance Rescue & Rehoming, we request an adoption fee for this pet. Please feel free to ask us about our adoption fees and how these fees are determined.

Applicant:

All of the information I provided in this application is true and correct. If any of the information changes, I will advise Second Chance Farm promptly.

Signature

Printed Name

Date Signature

Please return this completed application to Second Chance Rescue & Rehoming, Inc. You may either e-mail this application back to amystate@aol.com. We really appreciate your time in completing this application as we strive to ensure that our new families, and their new pets are the best match for each other. You can expect to hear from us within 72 hours regarding the next step in the adoption process.