



The Mayhew Animal Home Cat Adoption Questionnaire

This form is to be completed by the main carer who must be over 18 years old

Your details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss Date: / /

Address: _____

Home Tel: _____ Work Tel: _____ Mobile Tel: _____

Email: _____ Birth Date: / /

How did you hear about The Mayhew? _____

Please tick if you do not want to receive regular free updates about the work of The Mayhew:

Details of animal sought

Minimum age of cat wanted? _____ Maximum age of cat wanted? _____

Male or Female? Male Female Either

Describe the type of cat you are looking for: _____

Which of the following could you not cope with?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toileting outside litter tray | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive shedding/moulting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression towards children | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression towards strangers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression towards cats | <input type="checkbox"/> Scratching furniture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bringing in dead animals | <input type="checkbox"/> An extremely nervous cat |

Why do you want a cat? _____

How long have you been planning to get a cat? _____

Are you able to care for your new cat for the next 15+ years? No Yes

Do you own a cat? No Yes

If yes, please give details: Age: _____ Sex: _____ Neutered: _____ Breed: _____

Do you own other pets? No Yes, please detail: _____

Do you have a vet? No Yes, please detail: _____

Have you cared for cats in the past? No Yes As a child Helped friends

If you have cared for cats in the past, please detail how many, their ages, and what happened to them: _____

Please give any further information that may help us to match a cat to your life-style: _____

Your home and lifestyle

What type of home do you live in? House Bungalow
 Flat: Floor _____ Other: _____

Is your home? Owned Privately Rented
 Parents Council Property
 Housing Association

Do you have a private garden? Yes No Communal
Is it fully enclosed? Yes No Fence to be put up
Minimum height of fence? <4 Feet 4-5 Feet 5-6 Feet Higher
Will the cat have direct access to the garden? Yes No
Do you have a cat flap? Yes No Will fit one
Who lives at home? Adults Children, ages:
Do children visit your home? No Yes, ages:
How often do children visit your home? Daily Weekly Monthly Annually
What is your occupation? _____

How long will your cat be left alone for? Hours per Day Days per week
Are you planning any of the following? A baby Moving home
 A Holiday Change of work hours

Important points of consideration

Cats are often seen as disposable items, ending up homeless when humans tire of them. Adopting a cat is a commitment that could potentially last the next 15 years of your life. Are you prepared for this?

Listed below are the most common reasons people give up their cats. Please read through each reason and give your views on each statement.

Moving home

- I would not consider moving home unless I was assured my cat could move in with me. If moving to rented accommodation I would first request written confirmation that pets are allowed on the property. I Agree
 I Disagree
 I'm Not Sure
- If I was to find myself homeless or needing to move into temporary accommodation I have family and/or friends who would be able to accommodate the cat. I Agree
 I Disagree
 I'm Not Sure
- If I had to move into smaller accommodation I would not see this as a reason to re-home my cat. I Agree
 I Disagree
 I'm Not Sure
- I would not move into accommodation that prevented my cat gaining outdoor access. I Agree
 I Disagree
 I'm Not Sure

Emigrating

- I would not consider moving to another country if it meant risking my cat's health or leaving them behind. I Agree
 I Disagree
 I'm Not Sure
- If I am planning on taking my cat with me, I am aware a pet passport will cost me approx £1000. I also understand that obtaining a pet passport can take up to a year and will take up a considerable amount of my time. I Agree
 I Disagree
 I'm Not Sure

Allergies or asthma

- Everyone in my household has spent enough time in direct contact with cats to ensure they are not allergic.
- I am certain no one in the family has asthma which is worsened by cat fur.

- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure
- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure

Children no longer want a pet (Cross out if not applicable)

- I am as keen as my children are to get a new cat. My reason for getting a cat is not just because my children want one.
- I understand I will be legally responsible for the cat. I am fully prepared to carry out the day to day duties should my children's promise of help fall through.
- I am fully prepared to continue caring for the cat when my children leave home or go to university etc.

- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure
- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure
- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure

Holidays

- If I am unable to take my cat with me on holiday I will make suitable arrangements for them to be cared for in my absence.
- Ideally I would find someone to care for my cat in my home or friend's home. Failing that, I would ensure I placed them in a pre checked boarding kennels. I understand boarding fees cost upwards of £10 per day.
- I understand having a cat may mean I will no longer be able to go away at short notice unless I am able to find a carer or make boarding arrangements.
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- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure
- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure
- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure
- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure

Children and pregnancy

- I would ensure my cat is well socialised around children and seek behavioural advice if s/he wasn't
- I would spend time rehearsing introductions with a doll before introducing a newborn baby or seek behavioural advice if I was unsure of what to do.
- I am aware my cat will probably become jealous. So, no matter how busy or distracted I am I will always ensure my cat receives quality one to one attention on a daily basis.
- I realise that my doctor may advise that I cannot poop-scoop. I will make alternative arrangements if I feel uncomfortable doing this.

- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure
- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure
- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure
- I Agree
- I Disagree
- I'm Not Sure

We strongly advise to make regular visits to see your reserved cat whilst you are waiting for your home visit. Remember the cat you have chosen may be part of your family for the next 15 or so years.

Coronavirus information

All cats from rescue facilities face unique challenges that cats from other sources are not necessarily exposed to. One of which is the likelihood of exposure to a virus called Feline Coronavirus, or FCoV. Whilst in most cases this does not appear to affect the cat, in some cases (5 – 10%) this virus can develop into a disease called FIP or Feline Infectious Peritonitis. Unfortunately, whilst treatment for FIP is available, in the majority of cases it is unsuccessful. However, by minimising stress on your newly adopted cat, the chances of FIP developing can be lessened. The Mayhew Animal Home prides itself on its quality of care to all of its animals and the transparency through which we operate and makes no attempt to conceal the possibility of this situation. Feline Coronavirus infection is not unique to The Mayhew Animal Home, and is a situation that all cat rescue centres must contend with. In order to make a lasting difference to the problem of unwanted cats, the realities of this situation must be accepted.

Disclaimer

You understand that the cat will be rehomed as a companion. The Mayhew Animal Home will at all times retain ownership of the cat, and reserves the right to reclaim if it feels the cat is not being fed, housed or cared for to its satisfaction. Should the cat ever leave your care it must be returned to the Mayhew Animal Home.

You understand that the adoption fee is non-refundable.

Please tick

You understand that full liability for any veterinary fees incurred at any future date remain your liability.

Please tick

You understand that although we tell you everything we know about the cat, we do not always have a complete history and therefore cannot guarantee behaviour etc.

Please tick

The Mayhew Animal Home is here to advise on any aspect of caring for the cat. It may take 6 months or more for the cat to settle in.

Please tick

If you live in rented accommodation The Mayhew Animal Home may contact your landlord.

Please tick

Signed: _____

Date: _____

To be filled in by Mayhew Staff & Home Visitors

Interviewer comments: _____

Interview by: _____ Date: _____

Interview by: _____ Date: _____

Interview by: _____ Date: _____

Letter required: Y N Home Visit required: Y N Wanted list: Y N

Name of Home Visitor: _____

Date passed to Home Visitor: _____

Date passed: _____