



WETZEL COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER (WCAS)

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Purpose of Application

This application is designed to ensure safe, humane, and lawful placement of animals in accordance with **West Virginia Code**, county policy, and generally accepted animal welfare standards. Completion of this application does **not** guarantee approval. Applicants must be **18 years of age or older**.

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Legal Name: _____

Physical Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** WV
Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

SECTION 2: HOUSING & HOUSEHOLD (WV CODE – CAPACITY & CARE)

Do you: Own Rent Other _____

If renting or not sole homeowner, list property owner/leaseholder: **Name:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Type of residence: House Apartment Mobile Home Farm/Rural

Do you plan to move within 6 months? No Yes (brief explanation): _____

Number of adults in home: _____ Children under 18? No Yes — Ages: _____

Any known animal allergies in household? No Yes (explain): _____

SECTION 3: ANIMAL OF INTEREST

Animal(s) interested in (if known): _____

Are you able to pick up the animal in person at WCAS? Yes No

WCAS does not transport or ship animals.

SECTION 4: COMMITMENT & INTENDED CARE

Are you willing and able to provide **food, shelter, medical care, and humane treatment** for the lifetime of the animal (often 10–15+ years)? Yes No

Does everyone in your household agree with this adoption? Yes No

Primary reason for adoption (check one):

Companion Family Pet Working Animal Other _____

Where will the animal live most of the time? Indoors Outdoors Both

SECTION 5: CURRENT / PRIOR PET OWNERSHIP (LAST 5 YEARS)

List pets currently owned or owned within the last 5 years. If none, write N/A.

Pet Species/Breed Altered? Still Owned? If Not, Explain

SECTION 6: VETERINARY CARE (WV CODE – ANIMAL WELFARE)

Current or most recent veterinarian (if applicable): _____

Are you willing and financially able to provide routine and emergency veterinary care as required by WV law? Yes No

If adopting an unaltered animal, do you agree to comply with WCAS **spay/neuter requirements** as outlined in the Adoption Contract and consistent with West Virginia Code? Yes No

SECTION 7: CONTAINMENT & SAFETY

If adopting a dog, do you have (check all that apply):

Secure Fenced Yard Kennel/Run Temporary Tie-Out **Wireless Boundary Fence** None

If none of the above apply, please explain how you plan to **exercise and safely manage** your pet (walks, leash use, dog park, property access, etc.):

Where will the animal sleep? _____

If no one is home, where will the animal stay? _____

If adopting a cat, do you intend to declaw? No Yes
*WCAS discourages declawing due to animal welfare concerns.**

SECTION 8: FOLLOW-UP & OVERSIGHT (COUNTY AUTHORITY)

WCAS reserves the right to conduct **reasonable follow-up or welfare checks** to ensure compliance with adoption terms and animal welfare standards.

Are you willing to cooperate with post-adoption follow-up if concerns arise? Yes No

SECTION 9: CERTIFICATION & LEGAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that the information provided is true and correct. I understand that providing false or misleading information may result in denial of adoption or reclaim of the animal.

I acknowledge that:

- WCAS is a **county-operated animal shelter** under the authority of the Wetzel County Commission.
- Adoptions are governed by applicable **West Virginia Code**, county policy, and the WCAS Adoption Contract.
- WCAS may deny or revoke an adoption when necessary to protect animal welfare or public safety.
- Personal information collected is used solely for adoption-related purposes and disclosed only as permitted by law.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

WCAS Staff/Witness: _____ **Date:** _____
