**Working Whiskers Cat Program Caretaker Application**

Name:

Address:

Phone

Number:

Email:

What type of facility do you have?

Is it located rurally? **Y N**

Is it heated or insulated **Y N**  - If yes, please describe

Is it located away from busy roads? **Y N**

Do you live on site? **Y N** If no, do you work on site daily? **Y N**

What is the size of property?

(Working Whisker cats need to be able to safely roam up to 1/2 mile / 3/4 kilometre in each direction).

Please list any other animals residing on the property:

If dogs reside on the property, do they have a high prey drive or a history of injuring cats or squirrels? **Y N**

Are you willing to have an Ottawa Humane Society (OHS) staff member visit the property? **Y N**

Are you willing to provide shelter, food, water, and veterinary care to your Working Whiskers cat(s) as needed? **Y N**

Are willing to confine your Working Whiskers cat(s) in a safe place- such as a tack room or a large dog crate- for an acclimation period of 3 to 4 weeks (time to be determined by the OHS Feline Coordinator during acclimation period)? **Y N**

How many cats are you interested in adopting?

Do you have a preference of age or gender of cats? **Y N**

If yes, please specify

How social would you like your cat(s) to be? Please check one\*:

* Friendly, familiar with people, may seek attention, enjoy petting and handling, but cannot live in a home environment due to inappropriate litter box habits.
* Feral, independent, keeps a low profile, not socialized to people and not likely to become socialized to people. \*These cats are not aggressive by nature but may act out aggressively if too much contact is attempted by a human and there is no visible escape route.
* Has some previous experience with humans, may keep a low profile at first but become more comfortable with time, routine and as he/she becomes familiar with the environment and care taker.

\* Please note the OHS cannot guarantee the temperament or behaviour of your Working Whiskers cats.

Are you willing to follow all registration requirements/ bylaws in your jurisdiction? **Y N**

Are you willing to provide phone updates about your Working Whiskers cat(s) to the OHS Feline Coordinator at 3 weeks and 6 weeks post-adoption? **Y N**

Are you willing to fill out a survey about your Working Whiskers cat at 3 months and 6 months post adoption? **Y N**

Are you willing to pick up your Working Whiskers cat(s) within 48 hours of being contacted that they are ready? **Y N**

Are you willing to file a lost report with the OHS if your Working Whiskers cat goes missing? **Y N**

Do you intend to adopt a Working Whiskers cat for the rest of his/her life? **Y N**

Please provide your veterinarian’s name and phone number for our follow-up.

How did you hear about the Working Whiskers Cat Program?

* Facebook post
* Facebook video
* Poster
* Word-of-mouth
* Email
* OHS blog
* OHS Animal Advocate newsletter
* OHS Our Best Friends newsletter
* Move 100 Ottawa
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note that in the event your Working Whiskers cat is not adjusting to the environment he/she must be returned to the OHS, unless you have found alternate housing where the cat is being appropriately provided for.

\*Please note that the OHS selects eligible cats for the Working Whiskers cat Program from cats already in our care. If you have a cat you want to admit to the OHS because you believe it is a candidate for the Working Whiskers cat program, there is no guarantee it will be enrolled in the program.

**Comments:**

**Working Whiskers cat Checklist**

* Applicant is committed to long-term care (not seeking short-term solution)
* Cat must have access to an insulated spot for cat that provides warmth during cold weather; cat can always be protected from elements.
* Someone must live on site or attend and check on cat daily
* Dogs on property? If so, must not have high prey drive or history of injuring cats or squirrels.
* Must be willing to provide shelter, food, water, and veterinary care to cat(s) as needed
* Must be willing to confine cat(s) in a safe place, such as a tack room, in or a large dog crate for an acclimation period of 3 to 4 weeks
* Must be willing to participate in post-adoption follow-up
* Must be willing to pick up cat within 48 hours of contact
* Must agree to file a lost report if cat goes missing
* Must agree to return cat if placement is not working, unless another suitable placement found

*Warehouse/manufacturing:*

* Facility provides a safe environment for cat (no heavy manufacturing)
* If it lives inside, it has access to bedding, a quiet place to hide, food and water
* If the facility is a business, someone is there daily to check on the cat.
* If it goes outside, its access is monitored and facility is not close to busy intersections.

*Rural:*

* Property is away from busy roads (cat must be able to safely roam up to ½ mile in each direction)

For matching

* List other animals residing on property (dogs, other cats [and if feral])
* Number of cats sought
* Preference for age/sex
* Level of socialization