

## Feral Cat Colony - Caretaker Application

This application is required for anyone interested in becoming a registered Feral Cat Colony Caretaker as provided for in "Managed Care of Feral Cats," an ordinance passed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on October 16, 2007. Chapter 10 Animals, Article IV, Section 10 - 99.

The applicant has read the ordinance and agrees to comply with its terms. The applicant understands that the sponsoring humane society ("Sponsor") with which the applicant is applying may, in its discretion, review and approve the applicant as a Feral Cat Colony Caretaker. Likewise, the sponsor may decline further approval if the applicant fails to abide by provisions contained within the ordinance.

Below is a list of sponsoring organizations. Please fill out the application, and send it to the agency of your choice.

### CatVando

Phone 708-829-6013  
Phone 708-829-6013  
catvando@yaho.com  
http://catvando.blogspot.com

### Feral Feline Project

PO. Box 1  
Wheeling, IL 60090  
Phone: 847-800-0095  
Fax: 847-546-1477  
feralfelineproject@gmail.com  
feralfelineproject.googlepages.com

### P.A.C.T.

P.O. Box 841  
Downers Grove, IL 60515  
Phone: 630-375-7017  
core@pacthumanesociety.org  
www.pacthumanesociety.org

### PAWS Chicago Lurie Family Spay/Neuter Clinic

3516 W. 26th St.  
Chicago, IL 60623  
Phone: 773-521-7729  
www.pawschicago.org

### Tree House Humane Society

1212 W. Carmen  
Chicago, IL 60640  
Phone: 773-784-5488  
Fax: 773-784-2332  
tnr@treehouseanimals.org  
www.treehouseanimals.org

### Triple R Pets

P.O. Box 86  
Western Springs, IL 60558  
Phone: 708-738-1438  
Fax: 630-214-3603  
info@triplerpets.org  
www.triplerpets.org

## Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Background Information

1. What is your experience in taking care of animals? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you have an ongoing relationship with a veterinarian? **Yes / No**
3. If yes, who, and where is their veterinary clinic located? \_\_\_\_\_

## Compliance with the Cook County Ordinance of Chicago

Please circle yes or no to the following questions.

1. Are you willing to register the colony with the sponsor? **Yes / No**
2. Are you willing to take all appropriate and available steps to vaccinate the colony population for rabies, preferably with a three-year vaccine, and to update the vaccines as mandated by law? **Yes / No**
3. Are you willing to take all appropriate and available steps to have the population spayed or neutered by a licensed veterinarian? **Yes / No**
4. Are you willing to insure that the cats have been eartipped while the cat is under anesthesia? **Yes / No**
5. Are you willing to insure that each cat has an EAID (electronic animal identification device) microchip? **Yes / No**
6. Are you willing to provide the sponsor with descriptions of each cat in the colony and copies of documents demonstrating that the cats have been vaccinated, microchipped, and spayed or neutered? **Yes / No**
7. Are you willing to provide food, water and, if feasible, shelter for colony cats? **Yes / No**
8. Are you willing to obtain medical attention for any colony cat that appears to require it? **Yes / No**
9. Are you willing to observe the colony cats at least twice per week and keep a record of illness or unusual behavior noticed in any colony cat? **Yes / No**
10. Are you willing to obtain written approval of the owner or authorized representative of any property to which you require access to provide colony care? **Yes / No**
11. Are you willing to take all reasonable steps to remove kittens from the colony after they have been weaned, place the kittens in homes or foster homes for the purpose of subsequent permanent placement, and TNR the mother cat? **Yes / No**
12. Are you willing to report **semi-annually** in writing to the sponsor on (1) the location of the colony, (2) the number and gender of the cats in the colony, (3) the number that died or otherwise ceased to be part of the colony, (4) the number of kittens born to colony cats and their disposition, (5) the number of cats placed in animal shelters or in permanent homes as companion cats, (6) the number of cats vaccinated, (7) the number of cats microchipped, and (8) the number of cats spayed or neutered? **Yes / No**
13. In the event that a cat from your managed colony is picked up by Animal Control, do you agree to promptly arrange transportation back to the colony? **Yes / No**
14. In the event that you are unable or unwilling to continue as a Feral Cat Colony Caretaker, are you willing to inform the sponsor within 30 days? **Yes / No**

I, the undersigned, certify that the information provided in this application is complete and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAWS Chicago - Community Cats Caretaker Protocols

If the applicant is approved, a copy of the colony caretaker application will be mailed to the address provided from page one along with a confirmation letter to remain in compliance with the Cook County Ordinance.

- Refrain from “free-feeding” your colony: pick up food dishes within an hour and maintain a clean and clear feeding area at all times. Try to maintain regular feeding times.
- Provide fresh, clean water throughout the year. Subsection 10-97(b).
- Clean up all feces, hairballs and any other cat-related debris in a timely manner.
- Provide winter shelters: PAWS Chicago and Tree House Humane Society make and sell these throughout the year. Please call either organization for information on obtaining them, or make your own shelter using insulation and straw.
- Observe cats for illness and injury. If a feral cat is injured or ill, the caretaker will contact the sponsor to re-trap the feral to provide the necessary medical attention.
- Trap all kittens and newcomer adults for sterilization.
- Strive to maintain a dialogue with neighbors to prevent nuisance complaints and disputes.
- In the event of a neighbor dispute, make a good-faith effort to resolve the dispute in cooperation with the sponsor.
- Use outdoor litterboxes.
- Contact your sponsor for help with any of these protocols.
- If moving, please call for information about how to take your colony with you, how to find new feeders, or to provide contact and personal information of new feeder.
- Call PAWS if you are having issues with threats to the cats.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_