

RODENT ADOPTION APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in adopting a rodent from Empty Cage Collective. The animals available for adoption have been rescued from abandonment, abuse, neglect, experimentation and other forms of cruelty. We want to ensure that they receive life-long care, as well as compassionate and respectful treatment. We want to ensure that the best possible home is found for the animals that have been entrusted into our care. **Please note** that there is a required adoption donation to adopt a companion animal from us, as rescuing animals properly is an expensive endeavor. It costs substantial amounts of money to provide the extensive care (day-to-day care, medications, emergency veterinary care, etc.) which most rats need after we rescue them. We appreciate any and all donations – whether they are in the form of needed supplies, food, veterinary care, or cash.

To be considered as an adopter, you must:

- ☐ Be 21 years of age or older.
- ☐ Have the knowledge and consent of your landlord (if applicable)
- ☐ Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide medical treatment and proper care.

Completion of this application does not guarantee adoption.

Please answer all questions thoroughly. Thank you!

Rodent(s) you are interested in adopting (Name/Description): _____

Personal Information

Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

1. Which best describes your type of residence?

Apartment House Other

2. Do you own or rent?

Own Rent

Mailing Address Only: 302 Bedford Avenue, PMB: 301, Brooklyn, NY 11211

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adopt@emptycagescollective.org

3. A) If you rent, do you have your landlord's consent to have a rodent or other companion animal?

Yes No

B) Can you provide a copy of your lease showing that you are allowed to have companion animals and provide your landlord's contact information?

Yes No

4. Are all members of the household in agreement concerning the adoption of this animal?

Yes No

5. Does anyone in your household have allergies or asthma?

Yes No

6. Does anyone in the household smoke? Yes No

7. Do you own a pet? Yes No

If yes, please list what kind of pet and their age: _____

8. Do you have other rodents in the house? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

9. Describe where rodent(s) will be kept (in household) & in what type/size of cage:

10. Do you plan on allowing the rodent(s) to have a litter of young?

Yes No

11. Who will be the primary caregiver? _____

12. Who will care for the rodent when the primary caregiver is away, either for business or vacation?

13. Approximately how much time will the responsible person have available to spend with the rodent?

Weekdays _____ Weekday Evenings _____ Weekends _____

14. How many hours a day will the rodent be left alone? _____

15. How will you provide daily exercise and entertainment for your rodent?

16. Why are you interested in adopting?

17. What are the most important characteristics you are looking for in an animal?

18. What will you provide for food? _____

19. Have you had rodents before? Yes No

If so, how many? _____

How long did you have them? _____

How long did they live? _____

What did they die from? _____

20. Would you be willing to attend a class on rodent care if available? Yes No

21. Do you know a small mammal veterinarian? Yes No

22. Would you like us to recommend a veterinarian? Yes No

23. Are you aware that rodents might have or develop bad habits and that these habits can be difficult to modify?

Yes No

24. If the animal you adopt develops a bad habit, what will you do?

25. Have you made arrangements for your companion(s) in the event of your illness or death?

Yes No

26. Are you financially secure enough to responsibly care for a rodent's care for the rest of his/her life, including unforeseen health problems? Please explain: _____

References

Please provide us with three references, their phone numbers, and their relationship to you.

One of the references must not be related to you. All applicants are required to list references and we cannot process applications without them:

1.) Name _____ Phone _____ Relation _____

2.) Name _____ Phone _____ Relation _____

3.) Name _____ Phone _____ Relation _____

I have completed the above application and have read the provided information. I understand that a volunteer will review my application and that the shelter had a right to refuse adoption to any applicant.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Note: Answering "yes" or "no" to any of the above questions will not necessarily result in your qualification or disqualification as an adopter.*