

Cuddly Do Right

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COLONY CARETAKER APPLICATION

Please attach scans or photos of a government-issued ID, front and back. If you do not have such ID, initial here _____ and we will work with you to find acceptable alternative identification.

Date _____ Name _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Phone _____ eMail _____

Your email is required for important alerts, colony notices and updates. If you prefer to be contacted by text, initial here _____

Please tell us about your experience working with feral cats, and any areas in which you would like to learn more
(continue on blank paper if needed) _____

YOUR COLONY INFORMATION

The location at which you feed your cat colony. If the location is not on your property, you must have written permission from the property owner to access that property and provide that written form to Cuddly. If you require assistance with this, please contact us.

Feeding Location ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Family/Friend's House ☐ Other _____

Address of feeding location _____

Location of shelter(s) provided _____

Type of shelter(s) provided _____

CARETAKER'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO THEIR COLONY

Please read and sign this statement:

I, _____, residing at _____ am applying to be the registered caretaker of a colony, located at the address listed above, under Your Colony Information. The following items are my responsibilities as a caretaker:

1: Report twice a year to Cuddly Do Right on the location of the colony, the number and gender of all cats in the colony, the number of cats that died or otherwise ceased being a part of the colony, the number of kittens born to colony cats and their disposition, the number of cats placed Cuddly Do Right for adoption as companion cats, the number of cats vaccinated, the number of cats micro-chipped, and the number of cats spayed or neutered.

2: Have all members of the colony population spayed or neutered and vaccinate the colony population (rabies and FVRCP).

3: Provide Cuddly Do Right with descriptions of each cat in the colony and copies of documents demonstrating that the cats have been vaccinated, micro-chipped, and spayed or neutered.

4: Provide food, water and, if feasible, shelter for colony cats; obtain proper medical attention for any colony cat that appears to require it.

5: Observe the colony cats at least twice per week and keep a record of any illness or unusual behavior noticed in any colony cat. Note the presence of any kittens and take all reasonable steps to remove kittens from the colony after they have been weaned, place the kittens with Cuddly Do Right for the purpose of subsequent permanent placement, and capture and spay the mother cat.

6: Obtain the written approval of the owner of any property, or any authorized representative of the owner, to which the Caretaker requires access to provide colony care.

7: In the event that I am unable or unwilling to continue as a caretaker, I will notify Cuddly Do Right immediately.

I have read and agree to accept these responsibilities.

Signature _____ Date _____

SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO CARETAKERS

1: Help to resolve any complaints over the conduct of a Caretaker or of cats within a colony.

2: Maintain records provided by Caretakers on their colonies.

3: Provide written educational training for all Caretakers addressing uniform standards and procedures for colony maintenance.

4: Provide any forms or other documentation necessary to allow Caretakers to receive any public or private subsidies, medical care or other forms of assistance for their colonies which may be available to them.

5: Assist caretakers with making TNR and other veterinary appointments; when requested, assist with fundraising for those appointments. If needed, help to find transport to those appointments.

6: Provide, as possible, any food or supplies assistance requested by Caretakers.

7: Work to connect Caretakers to other nearby Caretakers, trappers and resources, for support.

Feeding

Create a feeding station. The most important things to a feeding station are that it is clean and a reliable source of sustenance. Feed in the same place at the same times every day, twice a day.

Generally remove any uneaten food within 30 minutes; waiting if cats are still eating is fine but DO NOT forget to bring bowls in. Food left out can attract insects and wildlife.

Note how much food is left and/or how quickly it is all gone. Use that info to increase or decrease the amount you offer at a feeding. If you're able, placing a camera that's pointed at the feeding station will allow you to observe the colony from afar.

Provide fresh water at all times. In this case, incidentally offering water to the outdoor world at large is better than not providing your colony the water it needs. In the summer, preventing dehydration is crucial. During the winter, wider and deeper bowls can help prevent water freezing. Heated bowls work, too, if you have access to a power source.

Basics

Trap-Neuter-Return ALL cats in the colony, and continue to do that with any new cats that arrive. Talk to your neighbors, ahead of time, about your trapping plans. If other neighbors are feeding your colony members, THANK THEM and ask them to skip meals while you trap, explaining that a well-fed cat won't go into a trap for food. Tell them that they can contact you with questions and feel free to share Cuddly's contact information, too.

If garden-pooing is a problem, you can create litter areas with a homemade box made of wood scraps or even a sandbox. This will help deter cats from believing the world is their litterbox. Be sure the litter area is in a quiet, sheltered space and clean it regularly. Use sand, not cat litter.

Provide safe shelters. Cats need warm, dry places to stay that are away from populated areas. You can make one or purchase one. Do not put anything fabric inside. Fabric will get wet, then freeze, creating a very cold sleeping space. Use straw, never use hay. Some hardware stores and craft stores stock straw and Halloween is a good time to stock up for the coming winter.

Be a Good Neighbor – Build a Community

Listen to your neighbors and do your best to work with them regarding any concerns or complaints. Share the Ordinance (sent as a separate file) and Cuddly's contact info whenever it's helpful, but keep in mind that YOU live there. We can help, the law protects you and your colony, but you and your colony have to live there. Happy and friendly co-existence is always the goal.

If newcomers grow your colony beyond your capacity to care for, financially or otherwise, consider recruiting your neighbors to apply to become registered colony caretakers. Where food is offered, they will go. This will help reduce your workload and financial burden, as well as give you both a back-up caretaker when you need one. A Cuddly representative would be happy to help you with this, just ask. We love talking about colonies!

YOUR COLONY CENSUS

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