



Cook County Feral Cat Colony Caretaker Application

This application is required for anyone interested in becoming a registered Feral Cat Colony Caretaker as provided for in Cook County ordinance 07-O-72 “*Managed Care of Feral Cats*,” passed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on October 16, 2007. *Chapter 10 Animals, Article IV, Section 10-95-99.*

The applicant understands that the sponsoring humane organization (“Sponsor”) with which applicant is applying, may, in its discretion, review and approve 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.

Tree House serves the North Side of Chicago, north of Roosevelt Road, and west to the Chicago city line. For other areas of the Chicagoland area, we are happy to refer you to the organization that works in your area.

By applying to be a Colony Caretaker, you agree to provide the following care to the cats in your colony:

- On a yearly basis, provide Tree House with an updated list of the colony cats. We are typically in touch in September each year.
- Spay and neuter current cats within 45 days of conditional sponsorship approval and any additional cats that arrive onto the property within 30 days of first appearance.
- Maintain a consistent feeding time and location - do not leave dry or wet food out for more than 45-60 minutes.
- Clean and refill water bowls daily.
- Closely observe colony cats for illness and injury. If anyone appears ill or injured, take them to a private vet. Tree House is happy to provide you with a list of vets who see feral cats.
- Keep a record of regular colony members, newcomers, and any changes to the colony.
- Clean up any feces, urine, vomit or other fluids or refuse from the colony cats in a timely manner.
- If feasible, provide shelter for the colony.
- Work with neighbors to proactively address potential nuisance issues.
- Do not trespass to care for colony without permission from property owner.
- Make an effort to remove weaned kittens, and find homes or shelter placement for them.
- If a colony cat is picked up by animal control, arrange transport to get cat back to colony.

<u>Current Colony Information</u>		<u>Historical Colony Information</u>	
Present # of cats in colony that you feed regularly (more than once a month)		# of cats EVER trapped, sterilized & vaccinated at this location (include re-homed cats that were subsequently sterilized, cats who died, disappeared)	
Of present total, # of cats sterilized and vaccinated against rabies (required by County)		# of cats that have died (include any kittens found dead) to date	
Of present total, # of cats ear-tipped (required by County)		# of cats that have disappeared to date	
Of present total, # of cats vaccinated for distemper (recommended but not required by County)		# of cats and kittens re-homed or adopted out to date	
Of present total, # of microchipped cats (required by County)		# of cats relocated to another outdoor colony or barn to date	

Applicant Information

Name:

Address:

City & County Zip:

Cell Phone: _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Colony Address and / or street coordinates (if different from home address):

City & County Zip:

I, the undersigned, agree to the terms on page 1 of this document.

Printed Name: _____ **Signed Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

