



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.

By applying to be a Colony Caretaker, you agree you shall be responsible for the following:

- Obtain permission from the landlord to provide colony care if the cats reside in private property.
- Do not trespass to care for a colony without permission from the property owner.
- Take all appropriate steps to spay and neuter current cats and any additional cats that arrive onto the property.
- Provide food, water, and, if feasible, shelter for colony cats.
- Maintain a consistent feeding time and location - do not leave out any dry or wet food for more than 45-60 minutes. Any remaining food must be cleaned up to avoid attracting wildlife.
- Closely observe colony cats for illness or injury. Make an effort to seek veterinary care if any cat appears to require it.
- Clean up any feces or other waste from the colony cats in a timely manner.
- Work with neighbors to proactively address potential nuisance issues.
- Take all reasonable steps to remove and home kittens from the colony after being weaned.
- Provide Tree House with a colony update during our annual colony caretaker check-in.
- If unable to continue your role as a colony caretaker, notify Tree House and proactively begin identifying a potential replacement caretaker.

Please note that if the caretaker regularly fails to comply with the requirements stated above, Tree House may suspend sponsorship.

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: _____

