**INDIANA SKUNK RESCUE ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Thank you for choosing to adopt a pet skunk! The decision to adopt a skunk is an important one which we take very seriously. Please take a moment to read and carefully complete this adoption application.

 In order to adopt a pet, you must:

* be at least 21 years old
* be able to provide references and identification
* consent to a home visit

All of our skunks come spayed or neutered, up to date on vaccinations, descented, current on flea/tick prevention, dewormed, and treated for any ailments found upon veterinary examination. The adoption fee covers a portion of these services, and makes it possible for us to continue rescuing domestic skunks.

An application does not obligate you to adopt, and can be transferred to another skunk. Please understand that due to the volume of applications some animals receive, we are unable to contact all applicants. If your application is considered a good fit for the skunk you are interested in, or even a different skunk, a volunteer will give you a call within 7-10 days. *Indiana Skunk* *Rescue reserves the right to deny any application. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.*

**ADOPTION APPLICATION**

**YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Email Address \*

Street Address \*

Address Line 2

City \*

State \*

Zip Code \*

Your Age \*

Must be 21 or older

Cell Phone \*

Other Phone

**MORE ABOUT YOU**

Please note that we do not transport our skunks, and adopters must travel by car to meet their new pet. MAKE SURE YOU LIVE IN A LEGAL STATE FOR SKUNK OWNERSHIP BEFORE FILLING OUT A REQUEST \*

What is the name of the skunk you are applying to adopt? \*

Would you like to be considered for any other skunks if the one listed above is no longer available?

Why do you want to adopt a skunk? What qualities are you looking for in your new pet? \*

Where will the skunk primarily be kept? \*

Outdoor

Indoor - free roaming or confined to specific space

Indoor - crated

Check all that apply.

How soon are you ready to adopt? \*

Right now

Within the week

Within the month

Within the next couple of months

Check all that apply.

List below any pets you have owned in the last 5 years, how long you had the pet and whether or not you still have the pet. If not, where is it? \*

Are your current pets spayed/neutered, up to date on vaccinations, and kept on heartworm prevention? If not, why not? \*

Have you ever had to give up a pet? If yes, please tell us why and where the pet went (shelter, family, friend, etc). \*

Please provide the name, address and phone number of your veterinarian here as well as the name of the owner the vet records are under. A veterinary reference without complete clinic information may cause your application to be delayed. \*

Please list your occupation, the name of your employer, address, name of your supervisor and phone number below: \*

Do you own or rent your home? \*

Own Rent

Are you allowed to have pets? \*

Yes No

Do you consent to a home visit as part of the adoption process? \*

Yes No

Do you have screens in your windows? \*

Yes No

Who will be the primary caregiver? \*

Please list all people living in the home and their ages. If there are children in the home, have they been exposed to animals? Are ALL family members aware of the adoption? \*

Do you or anyone in the household have pet allergies? \*

Yes No

How many hours will the pet be left alone each day? \*

When alone, where will your new pet be kept (crate, free roaming)? \*

Do you have an idea of what food you might want to feed your new skunk? \*

What attracted you to skunk ownership? \*

Have you recently applied to another rescue to adopt? If so which one? Are you actively pursuing a skunk with another organization or breeder? \*

Do you have any experience with skunk ownership? Are you familiar with common medical or behavioral issues that occur with skunks? If so please explain. \*

Do you have an area to separate the skunk from other animals if necessary (in case of illness or an acclimation period)? \*

Can you describe any experience, or past personal experience with behavioral or medical issues? \*

What methods will you use to litter train and train your new skunk? \*

Are you willing to work through unexpected hardships with your skunk, ie, housetraining, marking in the house, failure to use the litterbox, separation anxiety, breaking out of the crate, fear, socialization, acclimation to other pets, etc? \*

Do you have the time and financial ability to involve a veterinarian in the event of issues after adoption? \*

Will there be any major, expected changes in your life during the next 1-12 months? \*

New Marriage

New Baby

Moving

Extended Vacation

Members of family moving in or out

Job Changes

None

Other

Check all that apply.

How did you hear about our rescue? \*

Please provide us with three personal references with telephone numbers. Only ONE may be a family member. \*\*Please note that if references are not provided, or if they are listed as upon request, we will not move forward with the application. \*

**ADOPTION CONTRACT AND AFFIRMATION**

Do you agree that the skunk is being adopted for yourself and will not be sold, adopted or given to another party? \*

Yes No

Do you agree that the skunk will not be allowed outdoors without proper supervision? When taking the skunk outdoors, do you agree that he or she will be on secure harness? \*

Yes No

Do you agree that this skunk is to be a companion animal? Do you agree that the skunk will live inside your home, and not outdoors or in a business location? \*

Yes No N/A

Do you agree to care for the skunk in a humane manner and to be a responsible skunk guardian? This includes supplying adequate food, water, shelter, attention and medical care. \*

Yes No

I agree that if at any point I cannot keep the skunk, I will return him/her to Indiana Skunk Rescue without requesting a fee. \*

I agree I disagree

I understand and agree that Indiana Skunk Rescue makes no guarantees about the animal's temperament, age or health and is not responsible for future damages or injuries caused by the animal. \*

I agree I disagree

I give Indiana Skunk Rescue permission to call my home at any reasonable hour to assure that the animal is being properly treated and cared for. \*

I agree I disagree

I agree to keep Indiana Skunk Rescue informed of my current address and phone number. \*

I agree I disagree

I understand that, in the event of a failed adoption, I will not receive a refund of my adoption fee. \*

I agree I disagree

I, (name) \*

am applying to adopt from Indiana Skunk Rescue. I understand that this contract applies to whichever skunk I select and am approved to adopt, even if not the skunk listed in the application.

All skunk adoption contracts approved by Indiana Skunk Rescue are subject to the following terms and conditions:

The adopter agrees that the skunk will be kept as a domesticated house pet.

The adopter grants Indiana Skunk Rescue the right to make periodic visits to the adopter's premises for the purpose of checking on the health and general welfare of the skunk and to verify that the animal has been cared for according to the terms of this agreement.

The adopter represents that all household members have agreed to the adoption of the skunk and that all household members will abide by the terms of this agreement. The adopter further represents that he/she is twenty-one years of age or older.

The adopter represents that he/she, nor anyone in the husehold has never been subject to legal action for cruelty to or neglect of animals. The adopter further represents that he/she has never owned an animal which has been confiscated by an animal control officer or humane organization for violations of state or local animal control regulations or animal adoption agreements.

If the adopter is a tenant, the adopter agrees to provide written permission from the landlord consenting to the skunk adoption to Indiana Skunk Rescue.

The adopter understands that the skunks are quarantined and fully vetted while in our care, and all known medical issues are disclosed, but additional veterinary attention may be needed at the owner's expense. The adopter agrees that they will not solicit Indiana Skunk Rescue for coverage of future medical expenses.

If for any reason the adopter is unable to provide care to the skunk, the adopter agrees to return the animal to Indiana Skunk Rescue. The adopter shall not rehome the animal, offer the animal for sale, or give the animal to any third party without the prior written consent of Indiana Skunk Rescue.

The adopter agrees that Indiana Skunk Rescue shall have the right of immediate possession of the skunk if, in the judgment of Indiana Skunk Rescue, the skunk is receiving inadequate care, or is being improperly housed or handled.

The adopter agrees to pay Indiana Skunk Rescue the sum of $300.00 as liquidated damages in the event that the terms of this contract are breached; this liquidated damage value does not bar Indiana Skunk Rescue from seeking the return of the animal by judicial process or other legal means if necessary. If legal action is instituted, the adopter agrees to pay reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

The adopter hereby declares that he/she is aware:

(a.) That skunks are different from human beings in their responses to human actions;

(b.) That the actions of skunks are often unpredictable;

(c.) That the animal's behavior may change after it leaves the rescue or other environment and accustoms itself to its new environment;

(d.) That Indiana Skunk Rescue makes no claims as to the temperament, health, age, or mental disposition of any skunk put up for adoption;

(e.) That the adopter, upon taking physical possession of the skunk, hereby accepts legal guardianship and responsibility for the skunk referenced in this contract and discharges Indiana Skunk Rescue forever from liability for any injury or damage to any person or property caused in the future by said skunk, and from any causes of action, claims, suits, or demands whatsoever that may arise as a result of such injury or damages.

(f.) That there will be NO REFUNDS OF THE ADOPTION FEE. THE SKUNK MUST BE RETURNED TO INDIANA SKUNK RESCUE

(g.) That the adopter has received a copy of Indiana Skunk Rescue's Adoption Contract Terms (Please copy for your records).

I hereby declare that I am the adopter whose name is affixed below, and that all of the information I have provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. \*

I agree I disagree

Signature

Thank you for applying to adopt!  Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

**Please mail your completed form to**:

Julie McLaughlin

4401 North State Road 75

North Salem, IN. 46165

317-273-9288

**OR**

Rachel Miracle

3684 West County Road 100 South

Holton, IN. 47023

248-342-9099

**We greatly appreciate your time, and your interest in giving one of our rescued skunks a forever home!**