

## 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 has read the ordinance and agrees to comply with its terms. 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. Below is a list of sponsoring organizations. Please fill out the application and send it to the agency of your choice.

### Chicago North Side

Tree House Humane Society  
7225 N. Western Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60645  
Phone 773-262-4000  
[tnr@treehouseanimals.org](mailto:tnr@treehouseanimals.org)  
[www.treehouseanimals.org/tnr](http://www.treehouseanimals.org/tnr)

### North & NW Suburbs

Feral Feline Project  
P.O. Box 1  
Wheeling, IL 60090  
Phone 847-800-0095  
Fax 847-546-1477  
[feralfelineproject@gmail.com](mailto:feralfelineproject@gmail.com)  
[www.feralfelineproject.org](http://www.feralfelineproject.org)

### Chicago South Side

PAWS Chicago  
Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic  
3516 W. 26th St.  
Chicago, IL 60623  
Phone 773-521-7729  
Fax 773-521-1082  
[FeralNeighborhoodCats@pawschicago.org](mailto:FeralNeighborhoodCats@pawschicago.org)  
[www.pawschicago.org](http://www.pawschicago.org)

### Near West Suburbs

CatVando  
Phone 708-829-6013  
[www.catvando.org](http://www.catvando.org)  
[catvandtnr@yahoo.com](mailto:catvandtnr@yahoo.com)

### South & SW Suburbs

Triple R Pets  
P.O. Box 86  
Western Springs, IL  
60558  
Phone 708-738-1438  
Fax 630-214-3603  
[info@triplerpets.org](mailto:info@triplerpets.org)  
[www.triplerpets.org](http://www.triplerpets.org)

### Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & County Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City & County Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Colony Information**

**Historical Colony Information**

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	

**Background Information**

Do you have an ongoing relationship with a veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you applying to be a registered Colony Caretaker? \_\_\_\_\_

**Compliance with Ordinance (Please circle your responses below)**

1. Are you willing to register the colony with the Sponsor? Y / N
2. Are you willing to take all appropriate and available steps to vaccinate the colony population for rabies, preferably with a three-year vaccine and to update the vaccines as mandated by law? Y / N
3. Are you willing to take all appropriate and available steps to have the population spayed or neutered by a licensed veterinarian? Y / N
4. Are you willing to insure that the cats have been ear-tipped while the cat is under anesthesia? Y / N
5. Are you willing to insure that each cat has an EAID (microchip)? Y / N
6. Are you willing to provide the Sponsor with a description of each cat in the colony and copies of documents demonstrating cats have been vaccinated, micro-chipped and spayed or neutered? Y / N
7. Are you willing to provide food, water and, if feasible, shelter for colony cats? Y / N
8. Are you willing to obtain medical attention for any colony cat that appears to require it? Y / N
9. Are you willing to observe the colony cats at least twice per week and keep a record of illness or unusual behavior noticed in any colony cat? Y / N
10. Are you willing to obtain written approval of the owner or authorized representative of any property to which you require access to provide colony care? Y / N

11. Are you willing to take all reasonable steps to remove kittens from the colony after they have been weaned, place the kittens in homes or foster homes for the purpose of subsequent permanent adoption and TNR the mother cat? Y / N

12. Are you willing to report semi-annually in writing to the Sponsor on the location of the colony, the number and gender of the cats in the colony, the number that died or otherwise ceased to be part of the colony, the number of kittens born to colony cats and their disposition, the number of cats placed in animal shelters or in permanent homes as companion cats, the number of cats vaccinated, the number of cats microchipped, and the number of cats spayed or neutered? Y / N

13. In the event that a cat from your managed colony is picked up by Animal Control, do you agree to promptly arrange transportation back to the colony? Y / N

14. In the event of a neighbor dispute, do you agree to make a good-faith effort to resolve the dispute in cooperation with the Sponsor? Y / N

15. In the event that you are unable or unwilling to continue as a Feral Cat Colony Caretaker, are you willing to give the Sponsor at least 60 days notice? Y / N

16. If registering with Tree House, will you spay/neuter cats within 45 days of becoming a registered caretaker, and spay/neuter any new cats to the colony within 30 days of their first appearing? Y / N

17. If registering with Tree House, will you provide a covered litter box if necessary to contain elimination and prevent nuisance issues? Y / N

18. If registering with Tree House, will you make every effort to meal-feed cat food at a specific time each day, as opposed to leaving food out all the time (which attracts other wildlife)? Y / N

19. If registering with Tree House, will you make every effort to clean and refill water bowls daily and not to feed milk or milk products? Y / N

Please remember that you have committed to providing these cats with the best life possible. You have made the first steps by applying for sponsorship with Tree House Humane Society. The cats will surely have a better quality of life because of it. However, we want to emphasize that *ALL colony members and any other neighborhood cats must be spayed/neutered in reasonable time and the environment needs be clean and tidy in order for you to remain a Tree House Humane Society-sponsored caretaker in good standing.* Please note that Tree House Humane Society's guidelines for becoming and remaining a colony caretaker in good standing may be more stringent than as required under applicable law.

I, the undersigned, certify that the information provided in this application on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ is complete and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

