

# Adoption Application

Adopting a Chinchilla from ChinFriends.org:

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a safe haven for all chinchillas

To begin the adoption process you will need to fill out the form below and email it to [Rescue@chinfriends.org](mailto:Rescue@chinfriends.org). The form below can be filled out digitally using Acrobat Reader (standard on most computers, or can be downloaded free at Adobe.com).

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If you are thinking of adopting a chinchilla from us, there are a few things you should consider first:

- Can I provide a safe, quiet place for the chinchilla?** Chinchillas are not fond of loud noises and a lot of action, as they usually sleep during the day and get stressed if not provided with some quiet and privacy. Barking dogs, screaming birds and loud children are fine. . . if your chinchilla is in a separate area like a spare bedroom with the door shut, or a finished basement. Dogs should never be permitted near your chin. Although it may be a gentle dog, the chin doesn't know that and may panic or get stressed.
- Air conditioning is a must for warm months.** We have heard way too many horror stories of heat stroke and death in situations where there was no adequate cooling system present. Fans just blow warm air around. There should be a functional air conditioner in the area your chinchilla is being kept. At no time should the temperature reach over 80° F, or it could be fatal to your chinchilla.
- Am I prepared to give a loving home to an animal that may live 15-20 years?** Chinchillas are adorable and fun, and very endearing. But life goes on, and people move away or lose jobs or go away to school, and the little guys get pushed aside and forgotten. Of course they can't be the center of attention every day, but you should be able to provide a clean cage, food and enrichment for the chinchilla no matter what happens.
- Veterinary care is a very important aspect of owning a chinchilla.** Most of them are very hardy, but some are prone to dental disease, seizure disorders and heart murmurs that need to be monitored. It is important to have your chinchilla examined at least once a year by a chinchilla-savvy vet. Most dog and cat vets are not able to provide the level of care a chinchilla needs, nor are they familiar with the proper drugs or doses they use. The only real drawback to this is exotic vets are typically more expensive for the appointment than a dog and cat vet, with the appointment fee being \$50-\$100, depending on the doctor. Other prices are comparable, for example blood work, radiographs and medication. Go to a chinchilla savvy vet the first time, and you will save money in the long run. Chin Friends will provide you with a list of vets that are good choices, but beware of doctors not on our list. They may say that they see chinchillas, but it doesn't mean they know what they are doing.
- Cage space is very important.** While we understand not everyone can afford, or have the space for a giant, multi level cage, your chinchilla should at least have a basic multi-level ferret cage or converted cat cage. These can be purchased online much cheaper than in most pet stores. The ferret nation and critter nation are good choices. Your chinchilla should also have a wheel in the cage. . . NOT a wire wheel! They are VERY dangerous, and we have had some 3 legged chins pass through our care due to wire-wheel accidents. A solid metal wheel is fine (no plastic, they break!), but even better is the "chinchilla flying saucer", which can be purchased online as well. It's a bit pricey, but it's the best available! Some chinchillas may come with a cage, but most will not. It is up to the adopter to provide a proper cage. Sometimes Chin Friends can provide a refurbished cage for a small donation.

If all of these items are reasonable for you to accept, simply fill out the form below and check out our list of adoptable chinchillas to pick out your new friend!

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NAME:		CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
STREET ADDRESS:					
PHONE NUMBER:	(HOME)	(MOBILE)			(WORK)
EMAIL ADDRESS:					
Are you over 18? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Have you ever owned a chinchilla? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		If yes, do you have one now? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If you have a chinchilla, is it male or female? Do you plan on introducing it to your new chin?					
If you have had a chinchilla in the past, what happened to him/her?					
Are there other pets in the household? If yes, please list them:					
Are there children in the home under age 12? If yes, will they be handling the chinchilla? <i>(If yes, we will try to pair you with a calmer chin that comes from a home with children)</i>					
Where did you hear about us?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Veterinarian		<input type="checkbox"/> Web Search			
<input type="checkbox"/> Long Island Pet Professionals		<input type="checkbox"/> LongIsland.com			
<input type="checkbox"/> Craigslist		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____			

**Please note, we have the right to refuse any application without explanation.**

**There is a \$100 adoption donation for all chinchillas. Multiple animals should have multiple donations.**

Chin Friends does NOT guarantee you can adopt a particular chinchilla on our site. We do not hold or reserve chinchillas, we are first-come first-serve". If we feel a chinchilla is not a good match for your household, or not a good match for your current chinchilla (in cases of bonding), we have the right to refuse an adoption. We are a rescue, not a store, and our goal is to provide forever homes for these animals. We will not reimburse for your time, gas, or any supplies purchased in hope of an adoption.

**Chin Friends Chinchilla Rescue will NOT consider ANY application that is not filled out in its entirety. Please answer EVERY question.**

By signing this form, the adopter agrees to provide a safe, caring home to our Chin Friends adoptee, proper diet and cage space, enrichment activities like toys and foraging, and veterinary care from a chinchilla-savvy doctor when needed. If at any time you are no longer able to provide this, you will return the chinchilla to Chin Friends. You also understand that although the chinchilla had been examined by a vet, Chin Friends cannot guarantee the health of any animal it adopts out, and will not be held responsible if something happens while under your care.

By signing this form, the adopter agrees that they have read this entire application and that they understand and agree to all of the term and statements on this application.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_