

Canine/Feline ADOPTION APPLICATION

Animal ID number: _____

Prior to the adoption of an animal, we ask that you complete this application. This information will help the Society achieve its goal of finding permanent, responsible, loving homes for the animals in our care and allow the Society to better assist you in finding a pet suited to your needs.

Adopter Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone () _____ Alternate Phone () _____ Email _____

To be considered for adoption today you need to:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have knowledge and consent of all adults living in your household
- Have a valid government-issued photo ID
- Have landlords consent to bring an animal onto the property
- Understand that the Society reserves the right to refuse the adoption of any animal.

Why do you want to adopt this pet? _____

How many pets do you currently have in your household? _____

Cats: _____ Breed(s): _____ Spayed/neutered? Yes No Ages: _____
Dogs: _____ Breed(s): _____ Spayed/neutered? Yes No Ages: _____
Other: _____ Types: _____ Ages: _____

Have you ever adopted a pet from the Society? Yes No

If yes, what? _____ Where is this pet now? _____

Have you ever surrendered an animal to the Society? Yes No

If yes, why? _____

What is your housing situation? Own Rent
 House Condo/Town Home Mobile Home Apartment Farm

Are you planning to move in the next six months? Yes No

If yes, what will you do with your pet? _____

Are there children living in the household? Yes No Ages: _____

Does anyone in the household have animal allergies? Yes No

If yes, how do you plan to manage this issue? _____

Will this pet be kept indoors or outdoors? Indoors Outdoors Both

How will you keep this pet confined to your property?

Will be Indoors Only Kennel Fenced Yard Invisible Fence On a Leash A Tie Out

Are you familiar with the animal laws in your town? No Yes If yes, what are they? _____

Can you afford veterinary care, grooming, emergency expenses, supplies and food for the lifetime of this pet? (These expenses can often add up to hundreds of dollars each year.) Yes No

All pets making the transition from shelter to a new home need time to adjust to a new family and may require housetraining and behavior training. Are you willing to provide any needed training? Yes No

Information regarding the history, health and behavior of adopted animals may not be available or accurate.

What behavior would you be unwilling to work with? _____

What reasons might cause you to return this pet? _____

Because so many shelter animals have unknown medical histories, a quarantine period is recommended if you have other pets at home. Are you able to separate this new animal from your other pets? Yes No Not applicable

What topics would you like more information about?

- House Training Scratching Furniture Chewing (dogs) Dogs & Kids Obedience Training
- Introducing Cats Introducing Dog/Cat Separation Anxiety Licensing/City Ordinances

By signing below, I certify that the information I have given is accurate and complete

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Staff: _____

Please review the following adoption policies and information. After reading each item, place your initials in the box next to the item.

- Free Physical Examination** -- All of the animals have been given a general physical examination. We are unable to provide routine testing on all cats and kittens for viruses such as Feline Leukemia, FIP or FIV. The Society encourages you to take your new pet to a participating veterinarian within the next fourteen (14) days for a free follow-up exam. This exam does not include tests, x-rays or other medical work. A list of these vets will be given to you at the time of adoption.
- Free Medication** -- If your new pet becomes ill within fourteen (14) days after adoption, the Society is able to provide free oral or topical medication to help treat the following conditions: feline upper respiratory infection, kennel cough, eye/ear/skin infections, and external parasites such as fleas, ticks and mites. If your pet is diagnosed with any of these conditions, your veterinarian can call in or fax the prescription to be filled and it will be available for pick-up at the Society. *The Society is unable to reimburse adopters or veterinarians for post-adoption medical expenses. Adopters assume full responsibility for the animal's care.*
- Sterilization** – All dogs and cats are spayed or neutered prior to finalizing the adoption. For many, this surgery will have been recent, so please take special care to keep the surgical area clean and dry.
- ShelterCare Gift of Insurance** - Adopters who provide a valid email address at the time of adoption and adopt a dog or cat 8 weeks of age or older are eligible for 30 days of pre-paid pet health insurance from ShelterCare. Adopters must confirm/activate the gift within 72 hours of the adoption date. Coverage begins the 2nd midnight following activation.
- Microchip Implant** -- All cats and dogs have been implanted with a microchip for identification purposes. The microchip provides a permanent, positive identification should your pet become lost.
- Thirty-Day Return Policy**—All pet adoptions are given a thirty (30) day period during which time you may return the pet and receive an Adoption Credit Certificate valid towards the adoption of another animal and/or purchase of merchandise in the adoption store. This certificate is valid for ninety (90) days and can be used at any of our five shelter locations. No reimbursement will be given should the new transaction be less than the value of the certificate. If this should occur, the balance will be considered a donation to the Society. If you should need to return a pet, please contact the Animal Admissions Center to schedule an appointment.
- No Cash Refunds** -- No cash refunds or charge credits will be given for returned animals. Please think about your adoption decision carefully and thoroughly!
- Quarantine Period** – We strongly advise you to keep your newly adopted pet isolated from your existing pets until your veterinarian confirms its health. The Society is unable to treat pets currently in your home which may have been exposed to illness from your newly adopted pet.
- Ownership Agreement** – As the new owner, you agree to take full responsibility for the care and well-being of this pet for its lifetime. Once the adoption is finalized, you will be responsible for all medical bills and decisions regarding this animal.

Please print your name, date and sign below.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the above-mentioned policies

Name (please print)

Signature

Date

Staff Initials