

Adoption Requirements:

1. All animals must be spayed/neutered prior to going to a new home. We can also transport the animal to the veterinarian on the day of their surgery and the owner can pick them up, if they choose.
2. Applicants must be at least 18 years
3. All members of the household must be interviewed before an adoption is approved. A pet is a family member and so all members of the family need to be in agreement about when to adopt a pet, and which pet to adopt.
4. We prefer that applicants have lived at their current address for at least three months. This is to make sure that owners have had time to settle into their new surroundings and have established a stable routine before bringing a pet into the home.
5. We do not adopt out "strictly outdoor pets." Pets that are left outside do not bond as readily with their owners and are prone to nuisance behaviors like barking, escaping, roaming, digging, and other predatory and destructive behavior.
6. Applicants for dog adoptions must have a yard that is fenced on all sides, or a fenced kennel area. Dogs that do not have access to a fenced-in area are much harder to housebreak and are more likely to escape, roam, and become a neighborhood nuisance.
7. Because young puppies require intensive training and care, we cannot place puppies younger than four months of age in a home where some is consistently absent from the home for long periods of time.
8. Because of potential injury and behavior/training concerns, we are very cautious when placing very young pets (those younger than four months) in homes with children under the age of five. Puppies and kittens chew, scratch, and nip, and children may be unintentionally rough as well. We encourage adopters with young children to consider adopting a dog or cat that is at least four months of age.
9. If applicants have a dog at home, they must bring their dog to meet the new pet before the adoption will be approved. We want to make sure that their dog is happy with their selection and that the transition for both dogs will be relatively smooth.