



Adoption Procedure

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1. Visit the shelter to find an animal appropriate for your family, lifestyle, and home. Discuss the animal's needs with a staff member (adoption counseling).
2. Fill out the application making sure to provide all information requested. Applications without all information may be put on hold until the information is provided.
3. Introduce all family members to the prospective pet, especially children to guarantee a good fit with the adoptive family and the prospective pet.
4. If you already have a dog(s), bring them to meet the potential new dog.
5. Provide written landlord permission or proof of home ownership (such as a tax statement or mortgage payment).
6. Wait one full day (24 hours) to think about the decision and the responsibility of a lifelong companion. If this is a Saturday, the adopter will have to return on Monday.
7. Check to make sure your application has been approved after the waiting period and provide a pre-pay spay or neuter for the animal (go to your vet, pay for the spay or neuter, and bring us the receipt showing it is paid for and scheduled). We will no longer allow \$100 deposits, with no exceptions!
8. Adopt and live happily ever after with your new family member!

