



The Adoption Process: Who We Are and What to Expect

The Humane Society A.L.L. is a no-kill, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization ran entirely by volunteers. We are not a public animal shelter and we do not provide animal control services for the public. We screen each potential adopter thoroughly with an adoption application and an interview. In order to be considered as a potential adopter, certain guidelines should be met.

General Guidelines to Adopt from Our Organization Include:

- *Minimum Age to Adopt:* You must be at least 18 years old.
- *Strong Veterinary Reference:* We are seeking adopters that have a strong veterinary reference. Responsible pet care requires taking your animals to your veterinarian, annually, for routine exams and vaccinations. Vet references will be checked on the type of vet care you have provided to past and current pets. If this is your first time owning a pet, you should be willing to provide additional references and a more extensive interview. All pets in the household should be up to date on standard vaccinations.
- *All Pets Must be Spayed or Neutered:* Our primary focus is helping prevent animal overpopulation, so all pets at the current residence must be spayed or neutered, unless you have a valid *medical* reason from your veterinarian, not to have had this surgery performed.
- *Fencing:* The majority of our dogs will only be adopted into indoor only homes where they will be incorporated into the family. Additionally, most of our dogs require securely fenced in yards. If you do not have a fenced in yard, you may not qualify. Some exceptions to fencing may apply depending on the dog. Some dogs may require special fencing; so just because you have a standard fence, this does not mean it will be a good fit for all dogs.
- *Combo Test Required for Cats:* If you already have another cat at home, proof of a negative combo test for FiV and FeLv will be required to adopt a negative cat from our organization. However, we also have FiV positive cats for adoption that would be most suitable in a household with no other cats or with another FiV positive cat.
- *Are Pets Allowed?* If you rent, you must be allowed to have pets via your landlord and any pet deposit required by the landlord must be paid in advance and proof must be shown before you officially adopt a pet from our organization. The same will be said if you live with parents or other individuals. Ultimately, the homeowner must give consent to allowing pets at their residence.
- *Home Visit:* You should be willing to allow a home visit to your property by one or more of our volunteers by appointment. The home visit serves to see where the pet will be living and to make sure the environment is suitable and safe. Fencing will be checked to make sure it is secure.

Thank you for considering adoption of a homeless pet! We hope that we can help you find the special pet you are looking for.