



## What to Know Before Adopting

Thank you for opening your heart to a shelter pet! We're thrilled that you're considering adoption and giving a loving home to one of our amazing animals. Before you bring your new friend home, please take a moment to read the following important information to ensure a smooth and happy transition.

### Adoption is an Act of Love

Our shelter pets often come from challenging backgrounds, and they may have had little to no prior veterinary care. While we strive to provide them with the best possible start, we can't guarantee specifics like age, breed, health, temperament, or future size. What we do know is that every pet here is deserves to find a loving home where they can thrive. By adopting a shelter pet, you are committing to love them despite of who they are and where they came from.

### A Lifelong Commitment

Adopting a pet is a big responsibility, and it's important to consider whether you can provide a stable, loving home for the next 10-20 years. Do you have the time and resources to care for a new family member? If you're renting, are you confident you'll always be able to live in pet-friendly housing? These are important questions to consider to ensure the best outcome for you and your new pet.

### Healthcare

After adoption, your pet's ongoing medical care will be in your hands. We recommend scheduling a vet visit within two weeks of bringing your new friend home to check for any health concerns and set up a vaccination plan. If your pet shows any signs of illness, such as lethargy or digestive issues, please contact your vet right away. Should your pet test positive for parvo within the first week, let us know immediately at 724-245-7815, and we'll arrange for treatment with our vet at no cost.



## Adoption Fee

Your adoption fee is a donation that helps us continue caring for animals in need. If circumstances arise and you find that you cannot keep the pet, please notify us as soon as possible. We may be able to take the animal back within 14 days, but please understand that we cannot offer refunds.

## Health & Wellness

We're committed to giving our pets a fresh start, but after adoption, their health and happiness depend on you. A visit to your veterinarian within two weeks is essential, especially to check for worms or other common parasites. Your vet can also guide you on a vaccination schedule and any additional care your pet might need.

## Feeding & Nutrition

We feed our pets Purina foods here at the shelter, and any changes to their diet should be made gradually to avoid upsetting their tummies. If you notice any signs of digestive upset, such as diarrhea or vomiting, consult your vet to rule out any other issues.

## Helping your Pet Adjust

Moving to a new home can be overwhelming for any pet, so be patient as your new friend settles in. Give them space when needed, especially during meal times or when they're enjoying treats. It's also important to keep your dog on a leash and make sure they have proper identification, including an ID tag and, if applicable, a state license for dogs over three months old.

## Training for Success

Proper training is key to a happy and well-behaved pet. We encourage you to seek help from a certified dog trainer or trusted online resources. Good training can prevent many common issues, help keep your pet safe, and ensure a strong bond between you and your new furry friend.