



A Heart for Animals, Inc.

Adoption Policy

Application and verification:

Applicant(s) must complete adoption application.

Reference and background checks: Application must include 3 references.

- All personal, professional and veterinary references will be checked.
- Any applicant with a domestic or animal abuse past will be declined an adoption.
- Home inspection may be done prior to adoption.
- Processing of applications can take up to 3 business days.
- Adopter's current veterinarian will be contacted to ensure other pets in the household are up to date with vaccinations. If they are not up to date with vaccinations, the adoption will be denied.

Pets will not be adopted out to families with children under the age of **5 years old**.

Adopters must be **21 years of age or older**.

If adopters do not own their own home, they must provide a copy of their lease agreement, showing that pets are allowed. Landlord will be contacted to verify that there is no breed, pet or size restriction.

At the time of applying for adoption, all family members must be present and in agreement for the adoption. If adopting a dog, we also recommend that any other dogs in the family are present to see if the dogs get along.

If the adoptive family must relinquish adopted pet at any time, they **MUST** contact A Heart for Animals to rehome the pet. Adopter can not give pet away, sell or find a new home on their own.

Adoption fees:

Adoptive parents must pay in full (in cash) for the adopted pet(s) at the time of adoption. Credit cards are not currently accepted.

Adoption fee includes the spaying/neutering of the pet when it is age appropriate and vet confirms it is safe to do so. Also includes age appropriate vaccinations and microchip. If pet is not spayed/neutered before adoption, pet will be required to be altered by the age of 6 months. If pet is not altered by then, AHFA has the right to take possession of pet. If AHFA approved vet is used for spay/neuter, AHFA needs to be contacted prior to appt. so that AHFA can make necessary billing arrangements with AHFA approved vet and verify medical treatment. If a non-AHFA approved vet is used for the altering, documentation of the procedure needs to be submitted to AHFA, once the procedure has been completed. No animals will ever be bartered or traded for services.

Region:

AHFA adopts to families within a **100 mile radius** of Huntley, Illinois.

Right of refusal:

AHFA takes every adoption application seriously and evaluates the appropriateness of the applicant(s) and the adoptive pet. AHFA will review each application.

AHFA reserves the right to match the most appropriate family with each pet. AHFA also reserves the right to deny any applications for any reason.

Well-being of pet:

Adopting person(s) agree that the pet will, at all times, wear a collar with a current rabies tag, license tag, and AHFA id tag, and will be in compliance with any state and local laws.

Adopting person(s) shall never transport the pet in an open or closed trailer, pickup truck bed, or a boat trailer.

Adopting person(s) shall not de-claw the cat.

If Adopter takes pet on a boat, the pet is required to have a life preserver jacket on.

Adopter agrees to take pet for at a yearly check up, heartworm test and yearly vaccinations.

Adopter agrees to take pet to the vet if pet is showing signs of illness. If adopter is unable to do this, they will contact AHFA immediately.

Adopting person(s) shall not let pet to run free off leash or out of immediate control. If adopting person(s) have another pet that is allowed to roam free or off leash, they may be considered unacceptable to adopt.

When outside, a dog will never be left unattended if staked out or chained. A dog will also not be left in an outdoor kennel at night or when adopting person(s) are not home and are not able to supervise. Any outdoor kennel must have a secure lock so that dog can not be stolen or accidentally let out. Water, food and shelter also need to be available for the dog at all times.

If adopting person(s) have a swimming pool, the pool must be fenced so the pet does not have access to the pool.

The pet can not be left outside while family members are not home.

Adopting person(s) shall let AHFA know of any address changes, within 1 week of change.

If pet is adopted too young to be altered, adopting person(s) agree that pet will not be used for any breeding purposes, in any shape or form. Adopter will comply with AHFA's policy about having pet altered by age of 6 months, at a certain weight or when Vet feels it is appropriate.

If adopter is unable to keep adopted pet, pet needs to be returned to AHFA. Pet can not be given to, sold, bartered or ownership transferred to any one or any organization other than AHFA.

Upon adoption, the adopting person(s) assumes responsibility for the rescue pet's actions, health and shall hold A Heart for Animals, Inc., (AHFA) and its individual members free from all claims for personal injury, injury to others, other animals and/or property damage associated with the adoption.

I have read this Adoption Policy in its entirety and agree to the above terms.

Adopter/applicant

Date

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