



## Dog and Cat Adoption Policies and Procedures

Thank you for visiting Oregon Coast Humane Society and thank you for considering adoption. We understand that bringing a pet into your home is a big decision that deserves a lot of consideration. The wellbeing and safety of our animals comes first and we reserve the right to refuse any application for any reason.

### Adoption Procedure

1. Oregon Coast Humane Society is **not** a pet store and does not **sell** animals. Animals are adopted into loving homes.
2. Our goal is to adopt animals into an environment deemed suitable by Oregon Coast Humane Society. This will take into account the individual animal's personality and other needs.
3. In order to adopt an animal from our shelter, you will be required to fill out an adoption application. Applicants are screened to determine their ability to provide a safe and caring environment for their pets.
4. You must be 21 or older to adopt an animal. You will be required to provide photo id at the time of adoption.
5. All individuals living in your home, including children, will be required to meet the pet prior to taking him/her home. If you are adopting a dog, he/she must also meet all other dogs in your home.
6. If ANY individual living in your home is against adopting a pet for ANY reason, your application will be denied.
7. If you do not own your home, you may be asked to provide written or verbal authorization from your landlord.
8. No animal can be adopted out as a gift for another person without the recipient's participation in the adoption process.
9. An adoption fee will be charged at the time of adoption. Adoption fees are nonrefundable and nontransferable. The following is a list of what is included in your adoption fee.

#### Dog Adoption

Spay/Neuter surgery and aftercare  
DHLPP, Bordetella, and Rabies vaccines  
Treatment for worms and fleas  
Microchip

#### Cat Adoption

Spay/Neuter surgery and aftercare  
FVRCP and Rabies vaccines  
Treatment for worms and fleas  
Microchip

### Adoption Policies

- Only companion animals are routinely placed for adoption. Companion animals are adopted out as household pets. Oregon Coast Humane Society will not adopt out animals strictly as guard dogs, hunting dogs, attack dogs, animals used for research or experimentation, or animals that must fend for themselves or have no interaction.
- Animals will not be placed for adoption before 8 weeks of age. Adoption applications may be completed beforehand but will not be approved until the animal is 8 weeks of age.
- Due to the tragic pet overpopulation problem throughout our country, ALL animals adopted out through Oregon Coast Humane Society will be spayed or neutered before being placed in homes.
- All animals adopted out will be up to date on all vaccinations.
- Oregon Coast Humane Society recognizes the need for all animals to have permanent identification as a means of returning lost pets to their owners. All animals will be microchipped.
- Puppies and kittens should be at least four months of age before being placed in homes where there are children under five years of age unless Oregon Coast Humane Society determines the home to be a safe environment.
- Animals will not be adopted out to homes where they will live in violation of ORS state laws.
- Animals will not be adopted out to anyone voicing a desire to perform cosmetic surgeries (ear cropping, tail docking, etc.) or use aversive training techniques (choke chains, shock collars, hitting, etc.)
- No animal will be adopted to a person or persons in a household with a known history of cruelty convictions, repeated animal control violations, known neglect or abandonment of animals and/or previous violations of pet adoption policies.
- The adopting party must agree to provide this animal with proper care at all times, including nutritious food, clean water, exercise, emotional love and support and veterinary care necessary to prevent illness and relieve suffering.
- If it becomes impossible for the adopting party to keep this animal, the animal **MUST** be returned to Oregon Coast Humane Society. Adopter will also notify Oregon Coast Humane Society in the event of a change of address.
- Rabies vaccinations are a legal requirement, the adopting party must agree to keep this animal up to date on Rabies vaccinations. We strongly encourage keeping the animal up to date on all other vaccinations.
- Dogs must be licensed in the county the adopter resides in. This is a legal requirement in most counties.
- All animals currently in the adopters home must be fixed, licensed, and up to date on all vaccinations.