



## Dog and Cat Adoption Policies and Procedures

Thank you for visiting Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) and 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 Procedures

1. The goal of Oregon Coast Humane Society is to adopt animals into an environment deemed suitable by Oregon Coast Humane Society. We will take into account the individual animal's personality and other needs.
2. In order to adopt an animal from our shelter, potential adopters need to fill out an adoption questionnaire. Applicants will need to demonstrate their ability to provide a safe and caring environment for their pets.
3. Adopters must be 18 years or older.
4. All individuals, including children living in your home, are encouraged to meet the pet prior to taking him/her home. If you are adopting a dog, he/she may be required to meet all other dogs in your home.
5. If you do not own your home, please confirm with your landlord that the animal you want to adopt will be welcome into your home.
6. An adoption fee is charged at the time of adoption. 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  
Heartworm test

#### **Cat Adoption**

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

### 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.
- To support our mission of ending pet overpopulation, animals adopted from Oregon Coast Humane Society will be spayed or neutered prior to adoption.
- All OCHS animals will be up to date on all age-appropriate vaccinations.
- Oregon Coast Humane Society recognizes the need for animals to have permanent identification as a means of returning lost pets to their owners, so all OCHS animals will be microchipped.
- Animals will not be adopted into homes where they will live in violation of ORS state laws.
- Animals will not be adopted to anyone voicing a desire to perform cosmetic surgeries (declawing, ear cropping, tail docking, etc.) or use aversive training techniques (choke chains, shock collars, prong collars, physical punishment, etc.)
- No animal will be adopted to a person 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 agrees 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 may be returned to Oregon Coast Humane Society. Adopters are requested to notify Oregon Coast Humane Society in the event of a change of address.
- Rabies vaccinations are a legal requirement. The adopting party agrees to keep this animal up to date on Rabies vaccinations. We strongly encourage keeping the animal up to date on all other vaccinations.
- If required, dogs must be licensed in the county the adopter resides in.