

Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley
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Pet Adoption Application: Dog or Cat (please circle)

Date: _____ Animal name: _____

Is adoption available for discounted rate due to "Senior to Senior" or prior adoption history? Yes No
If yes, please list the program utilized: _____

Adopter's Information:

Name: _____ Home phone: _____
Address: _____ Cell phone: _____
_____ Driver's License number: _____
Email address: _____

Do you: Own Home Rent Home Rent apartment
Other: Explain _____

If you rent, Landlord's name: _____ Phone number: _____

Employer: _____ Work phone: _____

Are you at least 18 years of age? Yes / No are you a full time student? Yes No

Number of people living in your home: _____

Describe household: Active Noisy Average Quiet

Age(s) of children in house: _____

Are you willing to have a home visit: Yes / No

If no why not

Please list the pets you currently own or have owned in the past 5 years: Yes No If yes please fill out information requested:

Type of animal	Name	Age	Sex	Spayed or Neutered	Rabies & distemper current	Licensed (dog)	If no longer owned, why?

Have you surrendered a pet to the shelter? Yes No If yes, why _____

Have you adopted a pet from us in the past? Yes No If yes, when? _____

Do you still have the animal? Yes No If No, why? _____

Is anyone in the household allergic to pets? Yes No

Why do you want to adopt a pet today? _____

Did you come to see a specific animal? Yes No If yes, who? _____

Animal care information:

Who will be responsible for the animal's care: _____

What will you do with your animal if you have to move? _____

Will the animal be kept inside? _____ How many hours? _____

Do you have a fenced in yard? _____ What veterinarian will you use? _____

How will you work through any issues that may arise with your animal or will you return it to the shelter?

Do you and your family view the adoption of the animal as a life time commitment? _____

References: Please provide 3 personal references that we can contact to be certain the adoption of the animal in the animal's best interest.

Name	Phone number	Relationship

Please provide the name of your current veterinarian so we can contact them for a reference on the current

care of your animals: _____ Phone: _____

Please contact your Veterinarian to release Vet records.

We require any animal that has been adopted from us to be taken to your veterinarian within 10 days after adoption, will you agree to these terms? _____

Heartworm testing will not be done on any dog under the age of 1 years old.

Adopter's signature: _____ date: _____

Please make sure you fill out the entire application. If the application is not filled out completely we will not process. Make sure you have 3 references, Veterinarian's phone number and that you have contacted your Vet to release your records.

Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley Return Policy

I agree not to sell, trade, give away or otherwise transfer ownership of my dog/cat.

I agree that, if I can no longer care for my dog/cat for any reason, I must return it to ASSV.

I understand that ASSV will not refund the adoption fee if I do return my dog/cat. With the stipulation that;

1. If an adopted animal shows signs of illness within 14 days of adoption, the animal will be re-admitted to the Shelter and a full refund made IF accompanied by a written notice from a licensed veterinarian. Said notice must state: the animal was incubating the illness at the time of adoption.

2. If an adopted animal shows signs of illness, ASSV will assume responsibility by paying for medications or antibiotics needed for 10 days only. These must be purchased through the ASSV's participating veterinarian. In addition, payment will only be made by ASSV if we receive a written notice from our veterinarian stating the animal was incubating illness at time of adoption.

In either case, 1 or 2, ASSV will not pay for any routine examinations or vaccinations, tests or medications. Such as blood tests, x-rays, etc.

3. Otherwise, after 14 days from date of adoption, ASSV will not be responsible for any vet bill or medications and no refunds will be made.

Adopter's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Shelter Representative Signature _____ **Date** _____

Animal Placement Agreement Important! Read before signing

I hereby agree:

1. To feed my dog/cat on a regular schedule and to ensure that fresh clean water is always available.
2. To furnish my dog/cat with a place to sleep inside my house, apartment or residence, and that my dog will not live outdoors.
3. Not to keep my dog crated, chained or tied for extended periods of time, or leave a "choke " type collar on my dog when the dog is unsupervised .
4. Not to have any medically unnecessary surgery performed on my dog/cat, including but not limited to de-barking, de-clawing, clipping or cutting of the ears, or clipping or "docking" of the tail.
5. To provide my dog/cat with necessary veterinary care including annual examinations; I agree to comply with the annual vaccination schedule for my dog/cat as prescribed by my veterinarian.
6. That the animal will not be used for any experimental purpose.
7. To comply with state and local licensing laws.
8. Not to use my dog/cat, for any activity prohibited by federal, state or local law.
9. To permit an authorized representative of ASSV to visit my residence to examine my dog/cat and ensure that I am in compliance with the terms of this agreement.
10. I understand that the right to possession and ownership is not absolute, but conditional only and is subject to termination upon demand if at any time the ASSV determines, in its sole discretion that the conditions specified in this agreement have not been fully complied with. In this event, I agree to return the dog/cat to ASSV upon demand.
11. I understand that ASSV cannot guarantee the health or temperament of the animals adopted from it. The ASSV shall not be responsible for any condition or illness which the animal may have or develop or for any damage or injury to any person or property which may be caused by the dog/cat. I agree to release and indemnify and hold harmless the ASSV from any and all liability , claims , suits , action judgments , costs , fees , including attorney fees and damages for any damage or injury to any person or property which may have been caused by the dog/cat.

Adopter's Signature _____ Date _____ Shelter Rep. _____

Bringing home your new Pet

1. Consistency is important. The first few days are crucial to get off to the right start. Set the rules you want your dog to follow. Please do not feel sorry for them and let them do as they please; this will only confuse them.
2. Do NOT have a lot of visitors during the first few weeks. We're sure you want to show off your new friend, but dogs need time to adjust. Keep it simple and easy the first few weeks.
3. Please keep other people's Fur kids away. Let your new family member adjust to their new home.
4. No high value treats the first few weeks, such as bones, chewies or rawhides. Your new pet may be possessive over their favorite things in a new place.
5. NO HOVERING!! Please keep people out of your dog's face. Dogs like personal space as well. When people lean over your dog, it can be perceived as a sign of dominance and some dogs do not like that. The last thing you want to do is put your new family member in "fight or flight mode".
6. Make sure your children respect the dog's boundaries. Dogs are NOT jungle gyms or play grounds. All those photos on the internet of cute babies and toddlers climbing on dogs make us cringe!!! That is not good per ownership. Please do not set your dog up for a bite history.
7. Food time is your dog's "Me time". Let them eat in peace. Feed them in a quiet location where they can enjoy their meal uninterrupted. Always ensure they have access to fresh water.
8. Walks are super-important for bonding. Even if your yard is fenced, pick up your leash and go for a walk. This is how your dog bonds with you and you with your dog.
9. Training is always important. Enroll in a basic obedience class, further your knowledge. You can teach old dogs new tricks!

Most important:

Adoption is a lifetime commitment. Be patient and give your new dog time to settle in. Don't give up. Although all dogs are unique, it can take about six weeks for a Shelter dog to unwind from being in a Shelter environment and adjust to his/her new home. Don't judge the dog on the first few weeks. There will be accidents, chewed up things and maybe a stolen dinner or two. Look at it like "what could I have done to prevent that from happening". It's all about learning your new family member's behaviors and them learning yours. Teach them with positive reinforcement. These dogs are learning to trust again after being walked away from in their former lives. Remember this is fun! You are saving a life and all Shelters appreciate your efforts. Call us if you have questions, we are here to help!

Shelter personal only:

Employee handling adoption: _____ First
impression of adopting
party: _____

Landlord contact: Date: _____ is landlord okay with adoption:
Yes No

Vet contact: Date: _____
Frequent vet user: _____

Do you approve of the adoption of the animal: Yes No If no, why?

Did you add the person to the "Do Not Adopt" list Yes No