## Charlotte Edkins Animal Adoption Center

## ADOPTION PROCESS INFORMATION

## "The Adoption Process Typically Requires a 24-Hour Waiting Period"

- The adoption center is open Tuesday-Saturday 11-5.
- If you submit an adoption application on a Saturday, the front desk may not be able to process it until the following Tuesday. Your landlord or vet office may be closed on Saturday.
- 1. Adopters must be at least 18 years old; proof of photo identification is required.
- 2. Adoption applications must be completely filled out and signed by the adopter in order to be processed.
- 3. There is typically a 24-hour waiting period from the time of application until the time of adoption. Exceptions would be if we already have a verified application from you.
- 4. Because multiple applications on one animal are common, approved applications are not necessarily based on a first come, first serve basis. All animals' future safety, security, physical well-being, and emotional well-being are carefully considered in the adoption process. Therefore, completing an application does not guarantee an adoption.
- 5. All adoption center animals are vaccinated, screened for parasites, spayed/neutered and microchipped prior to adoption, including puppies and kittens.
- 6. If you are adopting a cat or kitten, the Humane Society requires that all adopted cats/kittens be transported in a carrier. Disposable cat carriers are available for purchase for \$8.00.
- 7. For adopters with pets at home, all pets living at your home are required to be current on annual vaccinations, including rabies. This policy applies to indoor-only cats also.
- 8. If you are adopting a dog, please consider the animal's size and choose a vehicle that will safely accommodate the dog while transporting him/her in an enclosed automobile.
- 9. For adopters who have a dog at home or a dog living with them and who are interested in adopting a Humane Society dog: If the adoption application is verified, the Humane Society requires a "Meet & Greet" session between the dog that lives with you and the Humane Society dog as part of the final approval process. "Meet & Greet" sessions are scheduled by staff and take place here at the adoption center. Your dog will be required to be on a leash and current on its rabies vaccination at the time of the visit.
- 10. Approved adoptions require that prospective pet owner(s) be present at the adoption and sign the "Adoption Agreement" in person.



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