

Humane Society of Northwest Montana Adoption Process Information

Please note the adoption center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 – 5:00 p.m. Our staff is working diligently to ensure that our animals are properly socialized, exercised and cared for – a time-consuming effort. We encourage you to make an appointment to visit any adoptable animals so we can ensure a staff member can assist you at the time you scheduled. Walk-ins are welcome, however, appointments are preferred.

Due to the animals' feeding schedule, you are encouraged to visit or schedule an appointment prior to 3:30.

- Owner-Adopters must be at least 18 years of age at the time of application/adoption, proof of identification is required.
- The adoption selection objective is to select the best-suited match between animal and owner-adopter. Therefore, we do not adopt cats or dogs as gifts for family members or friends who have not met the animal or who have not consented to the adoption in writing.
- There is typically a 24-hour waiting period from the time of application until the time of adoption.
- Adoption applications must be completely filled out and signed by the adopter in order to be processed.
- 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.
- Adopters are encouraged to review the "Adoption Application" and "Adoption Agreement," located on our website and available at our front desk, in order to determine if they are willing to make the commitment to adopt an animal from our adoption center. Adoption Applications may be completed in person or filled out online at humanesocietypets.com. Adoption Agreements are hand delivered at the time of adoption and signed by the Adopter and an HSNWMT Representative.
- Adopters who rent their homes are responsible for ensuring that they obtain their landlord's consent and are able to meet the provisions of their lease agreement. Verification from the Humane Society may be required.
- All adoption center animals are vaccinated, screened for parasites, spayed/neutered and microchipped prior to adoption, including puppies and kittens.
- Adoption applications are reviewed and verified by the Animal Care staff prior to approval. Therefore, please make sure to answer all questions and supply current contact information where needed. In many cases, this verification process may take more than 24 hours so please do not expect to take your new pet home on the same day that you complete an application. Adopters will be contacted as soon as possible regarding application status. In the event that further information or action is required of you, we will let you know as soon as possible. Your refusal to respond within 72 hours will be considered as a lack of interest and the application will be withdrawn. In-active applications are kept on file for 60 days.
- All adoptions must take place in person. We do not crate ship or transport animals via airlines.
- Due to facility constraints, the adoption center is not able to reserve or hold pets for interested clients.

- Adopters who have other dogs and cats in their household are required to provide proof that their animals are current on their vaccinations.
- Adopters who have other dogs in their household are must schedule a mandatory “get acquainted meeting” at our facility between your dogs and the animal(s) you wish to adopt prior to adoption approval. In some instances, your dog(s) and the dog you wish to adopt may not be a good fit. If this is the case, Animal Care staff will inform you that, for the sake of the welfare of all animals involved, we can not move forward with adoption.
- In some cases, it may be determined that an animal is not suited for the adopter because the adopter’s needs, expectations, and/or resources are not conducive to the animal’s history or behavior. In these cases, Humane Society staff may deny the adoption of that animal, but will work with an adopter to find an animal that is better suited for their lifestyle.
- 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 \$10.00.
- If you are adopting a dog, the dog must have either a Martingale collar or a harness, accompanied by a leash to leave the premises. These items are sold at the Humane Society for between \$10.00 to \$12.00. Please consider the animal’s size and choose a vehicle that will safely accommodate the dog while transporting him/her in an enclosed automobile.

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Open: Tuesday – Saturday 11am to 5pm

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