

Pre-Adoption Questionnaire

Humane Society of Scott County

Thank you for considering adopting from the Humane Society of Scott County! Please read and fill out the entire form. Your signature is required on the front and back pages.

Choosing your pet is a major decision. A lot of thought and advance planning should go into your decision to ensure that you choose a pet that will be best suited to your lifestyle. A pet is a living, feeling creature. It is not a piece of merchandise that can be returned for replacement. A responsible pet owner acquires a pet with the intention of keeping it as part of the family for its natural lifetime. Remember that a shelter is a stressful environment and that cages induce stress. The way an animal acts in the shelter (shy and withdrawn or very excitable) is not necessarily the way it will act in the home environment. Take the time to get to know the personality of the pet. Take it into a quiet area and play with it.

A pet needs lots of attention, time and training during its first year. If you work, you may want to consider a friend, relative, a professional "pet sitter" or crate training to help with the housebreaking and training of your pet. An older, already housebroken animal would be a better choice if you are gone for most of the day. You also would not want a long haired dog that needs daily grooming if you know you wouldn't have time.

Larger pets need to live in a large home with lots of room to run. Smaller pets are suitable for apartment life. Some animals must have a fenced yard. Evaluate where you live and the size, activity level and the personality of the pet that you need.

The number of children you have and their ages are key factors in deciding the kind of pet you should have. Medium to large size animals are generally best with small children. Small pets are fine too, if you carefully supervise the children. Certain breeds are more active and outgoing and make better playmates. An outgoing older pet can be a good choice too. A family with young children should not choose a shy or dominate animal. They are best with single or older owners.

Small animals are cute, but how big will it be when it grows up? Do you like big animals or would a smaller one be better? Ask shelter employees to help judge the size of the pet.

Signature _____

We require a form of identification which shows name and current address. Photo ID's are good for this purpose.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
Street City County State Zip

HomePhone _____ DOB _____ Driver's License # _____

Place of Employment & Phone# _____

Email Address _____

1. Do you wish to give the pet as a gift? Yes No
2. Who will be responsible for care and training? _____
3. Do you realize that owning a pet has legal, moral and financial responsibilities? Yes No
4. Do you realize a cat or dog may live 15 or more years? Yes No
5. Are your household members aware that you are considering adopting a pet? Yes No
6. Number of children at home _____ Ages _____
7. Are you familiar with the animal control regulations in you area? Yes No
8. Are you presently employed or have a regular source of income? Yes No
Full time _____ Part time _____ Other _____
9. Are there other household members currently employed? Yes No
10. Is there someone who is always at home? Yes No
11. Are you planning to move in the near future? Yes No
12. Is anyone in your household allergic to animals? Yes No
13. During the last two years, have you lost or given away an animal? Yes No
What was the reason? _____
14. Are you willing to allow your new pet at least 2 months to adjust? Yes No
15. Are there other pets in the household presently? Yes No
How many cats _____ How many dogs _____ What other pets _____
16. Have you adopted a pet from the Humane Society of Scott County before? Yes No
How long ago? _____ Do you still have it? _____
17. Would you have a female pet spayed? Yes No
18. Would you have a male pet neutered? Yes No
19. Do you have a Vet? _____ Name of Vet _____
20. Where do you live?
House _____ Apartment _____ Condo _____ Mobile Home _____ Farm _____
21. If renting, what is your landlord's name? _____
Landlord's phone number _____
Does your landlord allow pets? Yes No
Will your monthly rate increase? Yes No
Is there a restriction on the type or size of pet? Yes No
22. Is your yard fenced? _____ Type of fence _____ Height _____

23. Do you wish to have your pet live indoors or outdoors? _____

24. This adoption is the result of: FaceBook _____ Pet of the Week _____ Television _____
Wishbook _____ Website _____ Adopt a Cage _____ Volunteer _____ Golden
Companion Program _____ Drove by/Walk in _____
Other _____

Are you sure you are ready to take on the responsibility of a pet? Yes No
If you are not completely certain, ask our staff about our hold policy for the animal.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SCOTT COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ADOPTION TO ANYONE.

TOTAL REFUND MAY BE REFUSED IF ANY OF THESE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN
FALSIFIED OR THE ANIMAL IS RETURNED FOR UNACCEPTABLE REASONS.

Signature _____

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Date _____ Staff _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

Comments _____

