

Meet Your Match™:

THE **MEET YOUR MATCH** ADOPTION PROGRAM was created by Emily Weiss, Ph.D., in conjunction with the *American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)* and helps you find the pet that's right for you, your personality, and lifestyle. All adoptable pets at this event have been tested to determine his or her personality characteristics including friendliness, playfulness, energy level, motivation, and drive.

Every dog and cat has a colorful Canine-ality or Feline-ality. Every person has a colorful person-ality. The Canine-ality and Feline-ality Adoption Programs reveal both a pet's and an adopter's true colors so that you can make a more informed choice about the animal you bring home.

Let's say you are looking to find the cat or dog of your dreams. When you come to the event, you'll be asked to fill out a Dog or Cat Adopter Survey. This one-page survey gathers information about your expectations of pet ownership and helps us determine the personality that best suits you. Adopters are not required to choose a dog or cat with a particular Canine-ality or Feline-ality. The Assessment goes beyond behavior or aggression evaluations by providing you with information about the individual needs of each pet and supports you in preparing for your new love's response to their new home and help him or her adjust.

Based on the results of the survey, you'll receive a color-coded **Guest Pass** to help guide you to pets that best meet your expectations and lifestyle. For example, if your pass is green, look for pets with a **green** cage card.

Each pet is placed into one of three color-coded categories: **Easy Maintenance (purple)**, **Average Maintenance (yellow)** and **High Maintenance (green)**. Within each color category are three descriptions to help you better understand the pet's personality. The three descriptions are used to describe the pet's personality in terms the adopter can relate to. These color-coded descriptions are used for the kennel card, and to help guide you through the available pets during the event to help you **Meet Your Match™!**

Here's a look at some of the color-coded categories in **Meet Your Match™:**

PURPLE: Couch Potato, Constant Companion, or Love Bug

YELLOW: Busy Bee, Wallflower, or Sidekick

GREEN: Free Spirit, Go-Getter, or Party Animal