

Setting the Stage for Success: Inside Cotton's Adoption Boost Initiative

Adopting a pet is a life-changing milestone, but the transition from a shelter kennel to a living room couch can come with unexpected challenges. At the **Animal-Angels Foundation**, we believe that the first few months of a pet's new life are the most critical for ensuring they stay in their "forever home."

That is why we created **Cotton's Adoption Boost Initiative**—a comprehensive safety net designed to remove the financial and educational barriers that often lead to pet surrenders. By providing high-quality resources and expert guidance, we are empowering families to build bonds that last a lifetime.

More Than Just a Handout: A Holistic Safety Net

Cotton's Adoption Boost Initiative is built on the philosophy of **Support**. We don't just facilitate the adoption; we invest in the pet's future. Our program provides new pet owners with:

- **Essential Healthcare:** Access to affordable veterinary care, life-saving vaccines, microchipping, and critical spay/neuter services.
- **High-Quality Supplies:** Everything a pet needs to feel at home, from premium food and litter to beds, climbing trees, and toys.
- **Expert Education:** To bridge the knowledge gap, we offer **free post-adoption training sessions** and produce "**Wagging Tails & Whiskers**." This innovative video series provides expert tips on pet care, smooth transitions, and the long-term health benefits of spaying and neutering.
- **Life-Saving Services:** We even offer transportation to vet appointments and temporary foster care or pet sitting if an owner is hospitalized or medically unable to care for their companion.

Who Qualifies?

This initiative is specifically designed to support our local **Community** in Alabama. To qualify for the resources provided through Cotton's Adoption Boost Initiative, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Residency:** Must be a permanent resident of Alabama.
- **Location:** Must reside in one of the following counties: **Jefferson, Blount, Bibb, St. Clair, Shelby, Chilton, or Walker**.
- **Ownership:** Must be the legal owner (or potential legal owner) of the pet and be over 18 years of age.

Comprehensive Resources by Species

We understand that dogs and cats have unique needs. Our resource list is tailored to ensure every animal flourishes in their specific environment.

Resource Category	For Dogs	For Cats
Basics	Food, Toys, Collars, Beds	Food, Litter, Toys, Collars, Beds
Gear	Harnesses, Leashes	Climbing "Trees"
Medical	Vaccines, Spay/Neuter, Microchips	Vaccines, Spay/Neuter, Microchips
Support	Professional Training	Behavior Resources
Logistics	Transportation to Vet/Surgery	Transportation to Vet/Surgery
Crisis Care	Foster/Sitting/Walking during medical leave	Foster/Sitting during medical leave

Why It Matters: The "Boost" Effect

The Adoption Boost Initiative is a key driver in the Foundation's goal to **decrease post-adoption returns**. When a family knows they have access to medical care, food, and behavioral training, the stress of a new pet is replaced by the joy of companionship. By keeping pets in homes and out of shelters, we aren't just helping animals—we are saving **taxpayer dollars**, supporting the **local economy**, and building a more compassionate **Alabama**.