

Adoption FAQ's



What is the process for adopting a pet?

After you've found the pet you would like to adopt, we ask that you spend 20-30 minutes with the pet to make sure he/she is your perfect companion. When you're sure this is the pet for you, let the kennel staff know. They will place an "adoption pending" tag on the pet's kennel and give you a paper with the pet's name and ID number to take to the front desk. After presenting the paper to the front desk Adoption Counselors, they will give you an application to complete and return to them. A counselor will sit down with you as soon as possible to review your application and talk with you about the pet you've chosen to adopt.

What is the adoption fee?

For dogs under 5 months, the adoption fee is \$130*. For dogs 5 months and older, the adoption fee is \$45*. For kittens under 5 months, the adoption fee is \$65*. For cats 5 months and older, the adoption fee is \$30*.

*Adoption fees are subject to change.

If I find a pet I want to adopt, can I take him/her home today?

If the pet has already been spayed/neutered, you can take him/her home the day you adopt. If the pet has not yet been spayed/neutered, your pet will remain at the shelter until we can complete the surgery. Surgeries are performed throughout the week and will be determined at the time of adoption.

Does my new pet have to be spayed/neutered?

As stated in the Texas Health and Safety Code, Animal Sterilization Act, Section 828, sterilization of an animal is required when adopting from a shelter. All animals adopted from the San Antonio Humane Society will be spayed or neutered at our shelter before going home with their new owner.

How long does the adoption process take?

Depending on the number of people adopting, the adoption process can take anywhere from 30 minutes to 2 hours. Adoption applications are processed on a first come, first serve basis.

Are the pets healthy?

Upon arrival to the SAHS, all pets are examined by our Animal Health Technicians. The pet's health is routinely monitored while in our care, but there is always a chance a pet is incubating a disease or infection. As they are living creatures, we cannot guarantee their health. We do require you visit with a VCA Animal Hospital or your own veterinarian for a physical exam for your new pet within 5 days of the adoption. If you adopt a pet and he/she becomes ill, your 1 month of free pet insurance and VCA coverage will help cover the cost of most common shelter illnesses*

*Some out of pocket expenses may be required should the pet become ill after adoption.

