



## **ADOPTION POLICY**

**3920 East Hwy. 27 Iron Station, NC 28080**

**704-736-4215**

**[www.adkinspetcenter.com](http://www.adkinspetcenter.com)**

**Adkins Pet Center is a no-kill organization that is dedicated to placing our animals with families and individuals that are committed to their pet's needs for life. Because we only look for loving and responsible pet owners, we have an application process required for all adoptions.**

### **ADOPTION POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

- 1. Complete an adoption application and submit it to us by email ([info@adkinspetcenter.com](mailto:info@adkinspetcenter.com)), fax to 704-268-3067, or drop by our facility during business hours.**
- 2. Applicants will be notified by phone or email whether or not they have been approved for adoption. Approval considerations include:**
  - Interviews with an Adkins Pet Center Representative
  - Veterinarian and personal recommendations based on past pet care
  - Pet/Adopter compatibility
  - Home visits and/or pet interactions may be required before approval
- 3. Upon approval, we will set up a time with you to visit Adkins Pet Center to meet your potential new pet. We will also hold any necessary interactions with other pets or children to further ensure that it is a good fit. Upon agreement, you will then sign an adoption contract and fill out all necessary paperwork.**
- 4. Adoption fees are as follows:**
  - \$200 for puppies under 1 year old
  - \$160 for dogs ages 1-5
  - \$100 for dogs over 5
  - \$100 for kittens under 1 year old
  - \$75 for cats ages 1-5
  - \$50 for cats over 5

**\*Adoption fees include spay/neuter and vaccinations for dogs and cats, and micro-chipping for dogs only\***

- 5. After you have signed your contract, a 10 day trial period is arranged.**
  - If, at any time, you're unable to keep the pet, they must be returned to Adkins Pet Center
  - If you return the pet within the 10 day trial period, the adoption fee is refunded
  - After the 10 day trial period, the adoption fee is no longer refundable

**Adopting a new pet is a big decision that requires a lifetime commitment of love and responsibility. Before deciding to bring a pet into your home, be certain that you are able and willing to provide the minimum care requirements necessary for any pet.**

- Inside shelter
- Food, water, love and attention
- Veterinary care: routine and emergency
- Appropriate exercise and training
- Care for when you are away



**ADOPTION APPLICATION**

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**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employed: (Yes/No)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student (Yes/No)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Retired (Yes/No)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you own or rent your housing?** \_\_\_\_\_ **How long have you lived there?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you rent, what is your landlord's name?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many family members live in the household and what are their ages?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you currently have any pets?** \_\_\_\_\_ **If so, please list all their names, ages, and types:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you had any other pets before?** \_\_\_\_\_ **What happened to the pet(s)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide your current or past veterinarian information including name, address and phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please notify your vet that we will be calling\***

**Why do you wish to adopt a pet from Adkins Pet Center?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What type of pet are you interested in (sex/age/breed)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What kind of temperament are you looking for in a pet?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list the names of any Adkins Pet Center animals that you are already interested in:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where did you hear about us?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who is the pet for?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who will take care of the pet?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where will the pet stay during the day?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where will the pet stay during the night?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who will care for the pet when you are away?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you provide routine/emergency and preventative health care for your pet (vaccinations, heartworm preventative, flea and tick prevention)?**

**Do you plan to exercise your pet?**

**What will you do to help your new pet adjust into its new home?**

**What will you do if the pet develops any behavioral issues (i.e. house training, chewing, anxiety?)**

**Are there any reasons why you might return the pet to Adkins Pet Center (i.e. moving, new baby, longer hours at work)?**

**Personal reference (non-family):**

**Phone:**

**Comments:**

Once your application has been approved, you will be contacted for introduction. If you choose a pet and an adoption contract is signed, you will then have a 10 day trial period. If problems arise and the pet is returned to us within 10 days, we will refund your adoption fee. If the pet is returned after the 10 day trial, the adoption fee is non-refundable. We ask for a minimum \$200 donation for dogs under 1 year, \$160 for dogs 1-5 years, \$100 for dogs over 5 years, \$100 for kittens under 1 year, \$75 for cats ages 1-5, and \$50 for cats over 5.