



# Welcome to the Humane Society of Williamson County

## How to Adopt

Ask a staff member or volunteer to locate available animals. Dogs/puppies are generally housed in the barn area; cats/kittens are in the main house. Discuss with staff what type of pet you are looking for, your home environment, any other animals in your home, household members and your experience with animals. They will help you to decide what breeds would be appropriate for your situation. Staff will help identify the most appropriate companion pet for you.

### **Dogs:**

Feel free to browse the barns and surrounding area and find one or more dogs that are of interest. Each kennel has a cage card that tells something about the animal. **Please ask for assistance before entering the kennels!** Spend some time alone with the animal in our greeting room or in the large pen if available. You should spend significant time with the dog before you consider adoption. We recommend a minimum of 30 minutes to get an idea of temperament and behaviors. It is important that all family members meet the animal. Some dogs attach strongly with either the male or female in the family. Some dogs do better with children than others. Please note that if you own your home, our staff will verify address in local county tax logs available on line. If you rent, a copy of your lease is required to verify pets are allowed in your community.

The “meet-n-greet.” If you are considering adoption for companion purposes for a current dog, we strongly encourage a meet and greet session. It is your right to waive this part of the adoption process, but doing so will result in a forfeiture of a voucher in the event of a return. The meet-n-greet is a process where you bring your existing dog to meet the new pet in a

neutral environment. This allows staff and yourself the opportunity to see if your new pet will fit in well with your family and help to identify any potential challenges.

When you have chosen your new companion please fill out an adoption form located at various points in the barn and in the main house lobby area. Have your adoption form signed by an adoption counselor in the barn. Please be as honest as you can about your environment, expectations, housing situation, other existing pets. We want to make sure that you and your dog are the perfect match and minimize a return, which is stressful to the animal and everyone involved.

With your approved adoption application, come to the house and sit down with the office staff and complete the adoption contract and pay your adoption fee. Please refer to fee schedule below. \*Subject to change\* Then you may leave with your new family member!

This process is not intended to be quick. Our intention is to provide our animals with a second chance at forever homes and we do not take that responsibility lightly. Our process has been developed over many years to ensure that you and your new pet will make the adjustment as easily as possible.

### **Cats:**

The process to adopt cats is similar to the process above for dogs. The only difference is that we do not recommend a meet and greet with cats. Cat adoption counselors are located in the main lobby.

### **Adoption Fees for Dogs/Cats:**

Over 6 months- \$95

Under 6 months - \$120

Each adoption includes: Vaccinations current to the time of adoption, spay/neuter surgery, microchip, 30 days ShelterCare insurance with option to extend, worming, treated for fleas, and heartworm checked (dogs over 9 months)