




Pre-Adoption Questionnaire

The Escondido Humane Society

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Thank you for considering a pet from the Escondido Humane Society. We ask that you provide us with the following information so that we may ensure an appropriate match between you and a potential pet. A pet that is suitable for you, your family, your home and your lifestyle. The decisions our adoptions counselors make are based on the best interest of animals in our care and are aimed at finding **permanent** homes for these pets.

Please be aware that not all adoption applications are accepted at this facility.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Email Address: _____
 Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____

Household Information:

This will be my: ☐ 1st pet ☐ 2nd pet ☐ 3rd pet or more

What is your or your family, primary reason for adopting this pet?

☐ A Family Companion ☐ A companion for another pet
☐ For Protection ☐ For Children ☐ A gift ☐ Other: _____

Have you ever relinquished a pet to a shelter or given a pet away?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes please provide a brief explanation below:

Are you active Military? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you over the age of 18? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there children in the household? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes what are their ages? _____

Do any members of your family have allergies to specific animals?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you move will you take this pet with you?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you be willing to agree to a home/yard inspection?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If adopting a cat, do you intend to de-claw it?

☐ Yes ☐ No

What problems would make you return an animal?

☐ Barking ☐ Chewing ☐ Housebreaking

☐ Digging ☐ Shyness/Fear ☐ Other: _____

I Would Like To Adopt A:

☐ Dog Name: _____
☐ Cat Animal ID: _____
☐ Rabbit/Other

Where will your new pet be primarily?

☐ Indoors Or ☐ Outdoors
Where will your new pet be when you **ARE** home? _____

Where will your new pet be when you **ARE NOT** home? _____

How many hours will this pet be left alone?

Housing Verification:

Do you live in a...

☐ House ☐ Apartment ☐ Mobile Home

☐ Condo/Townhouse ☐ Other: _____

Do you...

☐ Own ☐ Rent

If Renting-Landlords Name & Phone #:

Do you live...

☐ With Parents ☐ With Roommate

☐ In Military Housing ☐ Other: _____

Pets Now Living in Your Home:

Type/Breed	Age	Sex	Altered?	Indoor / Outdoor?
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Please take a few moments to read the following explanation of our Adoption Process.

All adopters must:

- 1) be 18 years of age or older,
- 2) have current valid identification, and
- 3) understand that the adoption questionnaire is *subject to approval*.

The adoption process may take 45 to 90 minutes. Our adoption process includes asking questions, verifying identity, age and address, and, if needed, verifying landlords' approval for renters. Once the questionnaire is complete and an adoption counselor has reviewed it, you may visit with the pets you are interested in. You will have a counseling session with a member of our staff who will explain the history and needs of each dog. At this time, you may ask questions regarding health issues, behavioral issues, house breaking, basic care and exercise requirements.

Now is the time for two decisions...yours and ours. You must decide if the pet you have interacted with is a good match for you and the other members of your household. Many of the pets are at the Humane Society because their previous owner did not make the lifelong commitment we are asking you to make today. We want you to find the best pet for you and your family and we want our pets to find good and permanent homes. Please make your decision carefully. It is very stressful for the animals, our staff, you and your family members when an adoption does not work out and a pet must be returned to our shelter. It may take up to a month for you, your family and your new pet to adjust to each other. Sometimes an animal's personality or temperament may be different in your home environment than when you first met with it here in this shelter environment. If this difference becomes a problem we ask that you work with us to correct it. If we both agree the problem cannot be resolved and it is in the best interest of both you and the pet, the pet may be returned to our facility. ***There are no refunds for returned pets.***

Our adoption counselor must decide that you are sincere about your decision to adopt this pet, and that the right pet for your specific situation has been selected.

The Escondido Humane Society appreciates your interest in our animals and understands that while waiting for a particular one to become available for adoption, you may become attached to the idea of 'my dog' or 'my cat.' Please be aware that the animals are the property of EHS until the adoption is finalized. Unless there is a Paid Hold on the animal, once it is spayed or neutered and available for adoption, it is on a first come, first served basis.

Adoptions from Escondido Humane Society provide a free wellness checkup with a veterinarian of your choice in the first two weeks after the adoption. Although we strive to release only healthy animals, we realize that an illness may be incipient and not show symptoms at the time of adoption. If the veterinarian should find an illness related to the animal's stay at EHS, please bring the animal here during the fourteen-day wellness checkup period to receive medication. We cannot reimburse you for medication administered by the veterinarian.

It is now time to complete the adoption process. You will be asked to sign an adoption contract, go over all appropriate information (including medical history) and pay an adoption fee. This fee covers spay or neuter, veterinary care, de-worming, vaccines and the board and care your new pet has received while at our facility. ***This fee is absolutely non-refundable.***

I have read and completed both sides of this questionnaire and I understand the adoption policies and process.

Signature _____ Date _____