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## Adoption Policies

1. Adopters must be 18 years of age or older and must have a valid government-issued ID.
2. Other animals in the home where the adopted animal is to live must be current on vaccinations and spayed or neutered.
3. The owner of the property where the animal is to live must give consent for the animal to live on the property. This means that renters must provide their landlord's contact information so that we can verify that the pet is allowed in the rental.
4. The adopter must be in compliance with local pet ordinances. RBHS will not adopt animals into a home when doing so would cause that home to be out of compliance. Ordinances may include limits on numbers of animals, species/breed restrictions, and vaccination or licensing requirements and vary from one city/county/state to another.
5. The adopter must be financially able to provide for the animal's particular needs. This is determined on a case by case basis in relation to the animal.
6. The home must be an appropriate fit for the animal's needs. This is determined on a case by case basis since all animals and homes are different.
7. Our animals are available on a first-come, first served basis. An approved application does not guarantee that an animal will still be available in the future or that it will be held for an approved adopter. You can [read more about our hold policies here](#). Also, an approved application for one animal does not guarantee that an [RBHS Application for Adoption](#) will be approved by the same adopter for another animal.
8. All dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens are spayed or neutered prior to adoption. Other species are generally altered as well though some (such as birds) may not be.
9. All of our animals have detailed records of their time in our shelter and what we know about them prior to their arrival here. All of that information will be passed on to adopters.
10. To the best of our knowledge, the animals we place up for adoption are healthy with no communicable diseases though sometimes the stress of moving into a new home can cause minor issues (such as diarrhea in dogs and cats, or cold-like upper respiratory illnesses in cats.) Any known health issues or physical abnormalities that we know about will be disclosed prior to adoption.
11. All animals we place for adoption have been evaluated for their temperaments and any concerns will be disclosed prior to adoption. We do not adopt out any animals that we assess to pose a danger to others. No evaluation is perfect & we can't always know how they will react in every situation so we encourage adopters to be patient as they learn their new animal's quirks.
12. We encourage communication regarding adopted animals and are happy to offer recommendations if any issues arise.
13. We do not issue cash refunds for adoption fees if the adoption is not successful. We do issue credits that can be used for another adoption, merchandise, or services if the animal is returned within the first 14 days after adoption.