



Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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Here at the Pennsylvania SPCA, we address the needs of thousands of homeless animals each year. We started out with a single center in Philadelphia and, with the help of our dedicated staff and generous donors, burgeoned into a statewide operation with seven busy shelters.

Learn about our fascinating history reflecting the human capacity for good, get to know the exceptional, dedicated people who staff our shelters, and learn about our endless mission to prevent and relieve suffering. Become a supporter and help us continue to realize our mission, helping not only animals in need but also inspiring people to be more humane. And keep updated on our calendar of special event by visiting our website at www.pspca.org. Get to know a few of our furry friends. Consider volunteering if you cannot adopt at this time.

The Pennsylvania SPCA is dedicated to rescuing animals from abuse and neglect, providing lifesaving care and treatment, guaranteeing a home for every adoptable animal, and reducing pet-overpopulation through low-cost spay-and-neuter clinics and public awareness initiatives. Through these efforts, we prevent cruelty towards animals and promote respect for their welfare, thus enhancing the lives of people and their companion animals throughout the state of Pennsylvania.

Our Philadelphia Adoption Hours are: Monday - Friday, 1 P.M. until 8 P.M. and Saturday - Sunday, 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. The adoption center is closed on all major holidays. To adopt from the PSPCA you will need one form of identification, which includes your picture, name and current address. And, if you rent, landlord approval is required. As an added benefit, PSPCA is giving new pet parents a ShelterCare Gift insurance policy. The ShelterCare Gift provides accident and illness protection for 30 days starting on the date of your adoption. After the 30 days, you can continue your insurance policy – at your own expense – by contacting ShelterCare at 1-866-375-PETS or by visiting www.sheltercare.com. Only residents of Pennsylvania and its contiguous states may adopt from us.

The adoption fee is \$50 for cats over six months; \$75 for kitten and adult dogs; and \$125 for puppies under six months. We accept cash, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and debit cards. (Checks are not accepted, sorry.) We cannot refund the fee for an adoption.

Your nominal adoption fee includes the following services for your new pet:

	Estimated value.....	
	Dogs	Cats
FelV/FIV or Heartworm Testing	\$27	\$54
De-worming (Roundworm and Hook)	\$10	\$10
First year's inoculations	\$25	\$17
Puppies and Kittens require up to four booster inoculations	\$100(4)	\$51(3)
Adult dogs may require one Additional booster	\$25	\$17
Rabies Inoculation	\$15	\$15
PSPCA Identification Tag	\$5	\$5
Collar	\$3	\$3
Microchip	\$35	\$35
Hill's Science Diet Pet Chow	\$10	\$10
Three Weeks Free Clinic Care (exam, nail trim, flea exam, Stool exam, de-worming)	\$71	\$66
Spay Surgery	\$150	\$70
Neuter Surgery	\$90	\$60
ONE WONDERFUL PET	*****priceless*****	

In addition you will have access to our behavior and training specialist and free advice about health and nutrition for your pet. We even have groomers to answer your questions about specific requirements of the breed you choose. Many of our pets have already received these services at the time of adoption. Your adoption counselor will inform you when your pet is due for re-vaccination. If you were to get your pet from a breeder or pet store or even a free pet these services could cost as much as \$500. If you would like to make an additional tax deductible contribution to help us cover these expenses please let your adoption counselor know. Please bring a leash or Cat carrier to take your new pet home. Failure to keep inoculation appointments will result in the need to repeat the series and you will be charged for them in that case.

Here are some things to consider before choosing a pet:

- This application must be filled out completely by the head of household prior to selecting a pet for adoption.
- If you rent you must provide proof that you are allowed to have pets. Permission may be expressed in the lease or addendum to lease or verifiable note on company letterhead from your landlord.
- Please give this completed application to an adoption clerk for review and approval to start meeting our pets.
- Our adoption counselor will help you find the right match for your lifestyle and situation.
- In order to make adopting a pet a happy and lasting situation you may be advised that a pet may not be suitable to be adopted in to your home and we will suggest another pet.
- You may be required to correct certain situations before we can adopt a pet to you. Pets are a long-term commitment and should be selected carefully so that stress and heartache may be avoided and the pet has a good hope for a second chance.
- A pet may require a great deal of your time and commitment in order to adjust and flourish in his or her new home and routine care is not inexpensive.
- You should consider the cost of feeding, grooming, supplies such as litter and all the accessories you will need and plan for boarding your pet or providing for a sitter when you go on vacation.
- You must abide by the laws regarding leashing, licensing, rabies control, abuse and neglect.
- We require that our pets be sterilized before they are released to the adopter.
- We may require veterinary references, pre-adoption or post-adoption home visits and sometimes special conditions apply to certain breeds or animals requiring on-going care or training. You may be required to demonstrate knowledge or experience in order to adopt special care animals or special application animals and our adoption counselors can explain these to you.
- We require that all members of your family be present to meet your new pet and this will apply to the resident pets in your household. Your resident pets must be up to date on inoculations (proof is required) and must accept the new pet.
- You will be required to sign a waiver stating that we cannot be responsible for illness or injury to your current pets in the event of such being caused by the animal you are meeting or adopting.
- Some of our animals require a special application and waiver of liability because of current or past illness and or possible temperament or behavioral problems resulting from abuse or neglect.
- We are assuming that your answers are truthful but in some cases verification may be required and we reserve the right to investigate your answers before or after the adoption is complete and even after you take the pet home.
- If for any reason you have misrepresented your situation the adoption will be refused or voided and the animal must be returned to the PSPCA.
- If for any reason you are unable to continue caring for the pet you must return the animal to our shelter. We will make every effort to find an equally loving new home for the pet.
- Please see an adoption counselor to obtain an application.
- Thank you for choosing to give a shelter animal a loving and safe home!

Office use:

Regular Application____ Special Application____ Pit Bull Application____ Counselor's
Name_____

Please answer every question completely and remember to write legibly.

Title: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms (circle one) Your age: _____

Name_____ Date_____ Time_____

Street Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Daytime Phone_____ Evening Phone_____

Email Address_____

What type of Pet are you looking for? Dog____ Cat____ Other_____

For office use- Animal number_____ Tag_____

Please provide the following contact information for your veterinarian
(required for special applications):

Name_____

Street Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Telephone_____

1. Did you understand the statement and the requirements at the top of this form? _____

2. Is this Pet for you? _____

3. Have you ever owned this type of pet? _____

4. Are you a college Student? _____

5. If so do you live at college? _____

6. Do you live in a single-family dwelling? _____

7. Do you own or rent your residence? _____

8. If you rent your home do you have permission to have this type of pet from your landlord? (please
provide a copy of your lease)_____

9. Do you have a fenced yard?_____ Height of Fence:_____ 10. How long do
you plan to stay at your current address? _____

11. Where do you plan to keep your pet during the day? _____

12. Where will your pet stay at night? _____

13. What will you feed your pet? _____

14. How will you exercise this pet? _____

15. Will this be the only pet in your home? _____

16. List any other pet(s) you have _____

17. Please list the names and ages of anyone under the age of eighteen who lives with you and their relationship to you _____

18. Do you agree to have this pet sterilized? _____

19. Do you agree to take this animal to our clinic or to your own vet for routine examinations, vaccinations and should he or she require specialized care or treatment for illness injury or disease? _____

20. Will there be someone home most of the time? _____

21. Have you ever turned a pet into the Pennsylvania SPCA, The Philadelphia Animal Control Agency or any other shelter or rescue group? _____

If so, why? _____

22. Has any pet in your home died or disappeared in the last month? _____

If so please provide details _____

23. Has any pet in your home died before the age of five or and if so what was the cause? _____

24. What purpose will this pet serve?

Personal companion ___ Guard dog in home or business ___

Children's playmate ___ Gift for another person ___ Playmate for another pet ___ Mouser ___

Other _____

25. Can you commit to this pet for it's entire lifetime? _____

Additional donation to cover the cost of caring for the animals \$ _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

A photo identification with current address is required to complete this application. When we have received this completed application you are welcome to browse the adoption center. Remember to treat all animals with respect and to supervise your children at all times. Do not place your fingers or hands inside the cages. Do not enter any cages. If you see a pet which interests you, you may obtain more information about that pet by reading it's adoption cage card or by asking a counselor. You may take the animal to our backyard fenced area or the living room to get acquainted, with the assistance of one of the counselors. Remember to give your yellow **adoption in progress** card to the counselor so that it can be placed inside the cage card. If you decide not to adopt today we will hold your application for 30 days. We cannot place a hold on any adoptable animal except where we require a meeting between the animal and your families or resident pets. In this case the animal will be held for no more than four hours. Many animals in our facility are not yet ready to be placed for adoption and we cannot give details of the reasons. They may become available at any time without notice and we cannot guarantee notice to any person interested in these pets. Ask a counselor to direct you to specific animals that you are interested in seeing if available. You may also ask about sponsoring a pet or fostering pets (separate application) or other ways to help the homeless pets in our care. Please allow 2-5 days if your adopted pet must stay to be spayed. We will contact you when your pet is ready to come home.