



CNYSPCA

Promoting Kindness to Animals

FOR OUR PROSPECTIVE ADOPTERS

It is our goal here at CNY SPCA to make the best match possible for our animals as well as prospective adopters. These questions are not meant to discourage you from adopting, they are meant to help make the best match possible for your lifestyle. Please allow us at least 24 to 48 hours to process your application and get back to you. Applications are not on a first come, first serve basis, they are based on what family will be best fit for our animals.

Once you have decided on an animal, a meet and greet MUST be done with all members of the household. If you have a dog, or multiple dogs, a meet and greet will be required. We have an adoption counselor available for you to speak with regarding questions you may have before adopting as well as making the transition from shelter to home easier for your new family member. At the time of adoption, you will be required that you meet with our counselor regarding your new companion.

Housebreaking/Litterbox Training: Please remember that our dogs have been in a kennel situation, some for many months, so some housebreaking will most likely be necessary. Many dogs can become destructive to furniture, property and personal property, especially when bored. We will be able to suggest basic training for you and your new dog. Make sure your new cat knows where the litterbox is, and if adopting more than one cat, more than one litterbox is necessary.

Cats: Scratching is a normal, (and necessary) behavior for cats. Some cats are horizontal scratchers, some vertical. Watch your new pet and provide the correct scratchers and posts for them. Any adopted pet will require two to three weeks to "settle in", please call with concerns or questions before returning an animal to us, and we will be calling as well to see if you may have questions or concerns.



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Things to consider Before you Adopt

- Pets require a time commitment. Find out what type of commitment your pet needs
- A pet's life span can be from 5-20 years. Turtles and birds can be even longer.
- Some animals are better with children than others. Please consider your future plans before bringing home a furry companion.
- Animals can be a financial commitment as well. Costs can range from \$1,000 – \$5,000 each year depending on how healthy your animal is that year. Food, water, toys, and veterinary check ups can become costly.

Preparing your Home

Before you bring your new companion home there are a few tips and tools we can give you. Preparing your home is an important first step to welcoming your furry friend into your family!

- Decide who will do what: grooming, feeding, exercising, cleaning, play-time, and so on.
- Establish your new pet's areas. If that includes sofas and beds you will want to put a cozy bed in those rooms.
- Stock up on pet supplies. Food, water bowl, leash, collar, harness, brush, etc. You won't want to run to the store once your new friend comes home.
- Pet-proof your home. Lock up all chemicals and antifreeze and make sure your house plants are out of harms way. Many plants are poisonous to animals. Get wires off of the floor – they may get chewed on and pose a potential trip hazard.
- Prepare potential siblings. Introducing new pets should be slow and steady. Put your other pets in another room until you are ready to make the introductions.

Thank you for adopting!