

# ADOPTION INFORMATION FOR THE NWT SPCA

Thank you for your interest in pet adoption! Whether you're just looking, or you're ready to adopt, the NWT SPCA is here to provide the necessary information for adopters to help their pets adjust to life in their new home.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PET ADOPTION?

Adopting a pet comes with numerous advantages including:

- You're saving a life. Millions of healthy, adoptable pets are euthanized every year simply for a lack of a home. When you adopt your pet from a shelter or rescue group, you're giving a deserving pet a loving home.
- Some adoptable pets are already trained.
- When you adopt an older pet, you will often get a sense of their personality and temperament. You also already know their full-grown size!
- An adoption fee can save you money! Adoption fees often include vaccinations, spay/neutering, microchips and other veterinary costs to help prepare the pet for a new home.

## HOW CAN I FIND A PET THAT IS THE BEST FIT FOR MY FAMILY?

As you begin your search for a new family member, there are a few important things to keep in mind. Most importantly, you need to think through what will be a good fit for *both* your family and the pet.

### **CONSIDERATIONS WHEN ADOPTING A PET:**

- **Activity Level** – It is important to consider the energy level of your future pet to ensure it matches that of your family.
- **Household Type** – The amount of space in your home is a crucial factor in determining the right adoptable pet for you — a large home or a studio apartment affects the type of pet that makes sense for your current situation. Additional considerations are things like yard space — are you living in the suburbs or the city, do you have access to outside space, etc.
- **Family Dynamic** – If you live in a hectic, loud home with kids running around, that should be considered. Or, if you have other pets, you will want to ensure your new companion will get along with everyone already living in your home.
- **How much time do you have to spend with a pet** – We also encourage you think about whether you'd like a pet that both gives and needs a lot of attention, or would you prefer a pet that is more independent?
- **Training** – Many adoptable pets are already trained, but you should certainly consider the amount of training you want to do to determine both the type and age of your new companion pet.

There are many more possible considerations — gendre, allergies, etc. — so the best way to help ensure your family makes the best decision is to consult with us at the shelter. We can help you narrow in on selecting a pet that will match your lifestyle, while also ensuring your lifestyle matches the needs of the pet. To get process started you **must fill out an application and send it to [adopt-foster@nwtspca.com](mailto:adopt-foster@nwtspca.com)**.

## **COST OF ADOPTING A PET AT THE NWT SPCA**

### **Local Adoptions - Our fees range from \$250 to \$450.**

Kittens and Cats are \$250 (includes all vaccines, microchip, deworm and spay/neuter)

Puppies and Dogs are \$400 (includes all vaccines, microchip, deworm and spay/neuter)

**NOTE: Non- local Northern Adoptions there is an additional \$50 fee for travel and crate.**

### **Non-local Adoptions—Outside of NWT**

Puppies are \$450 (includes some vaccines, crate and travel to major centers)

Adult Dogs are \$450 (includes vaccinations, deworming, microchip, spay/neuter, crate and travel)

**NOTE: Adopters may be responsible for remaining vaccines, spay/neuters and travel beyond major centers in some instances.**

**Major Centers include: Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria and Kelowna/Kamloops**

