Shelter pets have already experienced a great deal and need time to properly adjust. Often a week and up to two weeks or more. New surroundings. Many cats hide out of fear at first, please take all things into consideration. Adjustment periods are family, children, friends, other pets.

1. The ADOPTER must be 21 years of age. If living with parents or another party, you must have their permission to adopt a pet prior to official adoption. Adults age 18 approval at the discretion of staff. Landlord permission required for adoptions if renting or home not owned. We reserve the right to deny adoptions and always look to match animal and new pet parent accordingly.

2. The ADOPTER may not adopt an animal for someone else. The ADOPTER is responsible for the animal from the moment of exit, and is to contact us immediately should any problems arise. CCAS/HATA adopted animals must be returned to this shelter. Please note, county required canine surrender fee may be required. If after 30 days since the animal entered your home, contact us directly for more information regarding this policy and if you have any questions or concerns. Must return licensed dog tag with the dog at time of return to receive a refund.

3. The ADOPTER agrees that the animal will be a companion and family member, not tied up outdoors or left unattended, used only as a guard dog. Adults in the home will be responsible for the care, not leaving it up to children and teens. The ADOPTER is required to provide appropriate space for the animal adopted. A large dog or a puppy that will become large must have a fenced yard and adequate room or exercise. Kennels should be used responsibly. If the ADOPTER has children, the ADOPTER agrees to be fully responsible for the care and well-being of this animal, supervising children with animal at all times. Especially those who have adopted the young or those with special needs.

4. The ADOPTER agrees to obey all city, county, and state laws. The adopter agrees not to allow the animal to roam off of their property. Current dog licenses must be displayed on canines and renewed yearly per state law.

5. The ADOPTER agrees to take the animal to a veterinarian within 10 days of adoption and are responsible for those veterinary bills. This contract must accompany you to that visit. After the animal leaves the shelter, we are not responsible for that animal, beyond accepting that animal back and offering a refund. Animals can be returned to us and are required to be returned to us, should any issues arise with a refund. We are not responsible for animals after they have left unless they are under FOSTER agreements and that is noted on the contracts if so.

6. The ADOPTER agrees to keep all vaccinations and parasite treatments current and up to date via our clinic or preferred veterinarian. You must keep this contract to have evidence of items received in shelter and dates in which they were received.

7. The ADOPTER agrees to provide a healthy and well balanced diet and fresh water. The animal shall be protected from the environment by being kept indoors or with a well-insulated dog house and appropriate setup outdoors as applicable. We provide Purina puppy/dog chows and Purina cat/kitten chows in shelter. Please continue those diets the first days home, until animal is adjusted, and can handle a change in meals. DO NOT FEED A VARIETY OR MAKE BIG CHANGES THE FIRST DAYS HOME, AS IT MAY RESULT IN ILLNESS.

8. The ADOPTER agrees to have the animal spayed or neutered if not done at time of adoption and comply with the date and time setup for that animal. You will receive copies of that information at time of adoption.

9. The ADOPTER understands that CCAS and HATA will check on the animal, remove and reclaim it, should the animal be found to be neglected or this contract has been violated in any way without notice to you.

10. CCAS/HATA is NOT responsible for the animal if it has left our shelter. Including scratching, jumping, biting, illness.

11. The ADOPTER is to keep the animal isolated for 14 days to allow the vaccinations received to take effect. Especially adopted cats and kittens! Please do not rush introductions and allow for your new animal to be properly adjusted, deemed healthy, and isolated prior to introducing to other in home pets. We receive many strays with no known vet history and often first vaccines are administered the day they enter here. We cannot guarantee wellness! Please look for signs of illness and if any issues contact our shelter immediately, we do our best to have animals isolated and well prior to adoption, but we cannot guarantee this due to the above circumstances many enter.

12. If you are adopting an animal into your home, we recommend that you take all precautions when introducing the animal to your family, children, friends, other pets. Cats should be kept in a side room or bathroom for a few days to learn litter and adjust to new surroundings. Many cats hide out of fear at first, please take all things into consideration. Adjustment periods are often a week and up to two weeks or more. The animal in your care should be treated with patience, love, and understanding. Shelter pets have already experienced a great deal and need time to properly adjust.
ADOPTION INQUIRY FORM

This form is NOT an adoption contract. When approved, you will be completing a contract at time of pick up and confirmed adoption. The above is a sample of our contract requirements, and does not include the additional paperwork required at time of adoption at the shelter.

Your Name:_______________________________________________________
Age: ______
Address & County:________________________________________________
Phone for contact: ______________________________________________
Veterinary Reference: _____________________________________________
Reference within last 2 years encouraged**
Phone number for Vet:_____________________________________________
Do you rent or own your home? (circle) Rent or Own
Pets currently in household, ages, breeds:
__________________________________________________________________________________

Are your animals of age fixed (spayed or neutered)? Yes or No
Have you ever surrendered an animal to a shelter? Yes or No
Why did you surrender the animal(s)?
__________________________________________________________________________________

Do you obtain food assistance via our food bank? Yes or No
Children and family members in the home and
ages:____________________________________________________________________________

Animal you are interested in adopting and reasons you believe this would be the best fit for your home:
__________________________________________________________________________________
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How would you describe your family and day to day structure?

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Thank you for your interest. Please do not hesitate to contact us and check in on your inquiry or the status of the animal you’ve expressed interest in. We have many walk-ins, phone calls, previously approved adopters, social media inquiries, Pet Finder inquiries and often send dogs not ready for private adoption to our wonderful partnering agencies and rescues who help them in many ways. Please get this initial application form submitted as soon as possible via email or turn into main office. We encourage visits during regular office hours as status can change quickly! 740-622-9741