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Make Adoption Your First Option

ADOPTION POLICIES

Our mission is to place the animals under our care in loving, forever homes. Successful placement is due, in part, to our adoption application process, which helps ensure animals are placed in appropriate, responsible, and permanent homes.

All pet adoptions require a completed adoption application. After you have completed the adoption application, a staff adoption counselor will review it with you. There is a mandatory 24-hour waiting period before a pet can go to a new home. The adoption application will be processed as soon as possible. Notification of approval or denial usually takes 24 to 72 hours, depending on availability of references you provide and business hours.

Return Policy

If you adopt a pet from this shelter, and, if at some point, you can no longer care for your pet, you are required to return the pet to the Humane Society of Decatur.

Warranties

The Humane Society of Decatur makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee on the health, behavior, age, or temperament of the animal. The HSDMC does inquire of known owners as to the history and behavior of the animal, including whether the animal bites; however, the HSDMC makes no representation, guarantee, or warranty that the animal will not bite. Each animal at our shelter is examined by a licensed veterinarian, is tested for canine heartworm disease or feline leukemia/FIV, is spayed or neutered, has a fecal analysis, is vaccinated appropriately for its age, has a microchip identification implant, and is treated for any known injuries or illness. A full disclosure of each adopted pet will be provided to the new owner.

Refund Policy

Adoption fees are non-refundable.

The Humane Society of Decatur and Macon County thanks you for considering adopting a shelter pet. If the right match is not here for you on your first visit, please come again. Our goal is to help you make the right match so you can enjoy each other's company for many wonderful years.

The Humane Society of Decatur and Macon County reserves the right to deny any application for any reason.



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ADOPTION APPLICATION

Please print clearly

In order to be considered for an adoption you must: 1) be 21 years of age 2) have the knowledge and consent of all adults living in your household 3) have a valid ID with current address (copy required) 4) understand that completing this application does not guarantee adoption and that the Humane Society of Decatur and Macon County must approve your application.

Which pet(s) are you applying to adopt? _____

Name(s) of person(s) applying to adopt _____

Street Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail Address: _____ May we contact you by e-mail? _____

DO YOU: Attend School _____ Work _____ Employer _____ Spouse's Employer _____

DO YOU LIVE IN A: House _____ Apartment _____ Condo _____ Mobile Home _____

DO YOU (circle one): Rent / Own / Live with Parent(s) If you rent, how long and how much? _____

Landlord's Name _____ Address _____ Phone No. _____

Please provide the following information about your household:

Name(s) of all adults in the household _____

Number of Children _____ Ages of Children _____ Do children live in your household full time? _____

If not, how often are children there? _____

Name(s) of the person(s) primarily responsible for the care (feeding, grooming, exercise, and training) of your new pet? _____

Why would you like to adopt a pet from us? Please check all that apply. Companion _____ Gift _____

For A Child _____ As a Guard Dog _____ Companion for another pet _____ Other _____

How many pets do you **have now**?: Dogs _____ Cats _____ How many pets have you **had in the past**? _____

Please list any pets you **now have** or **have had** in the past. If more space is needed, use an additional sheet.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type/Breed</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Altered?</u>	<u>Why do you no longer have it?</u>
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Have you ever adopted an animal from a shelter? If yes, where? _____ When? _____

Are your current pets up to date on vaccinations and other necessary vet care? _____

Name & phone no. of your current and/or past veterinarian who would have records of your pets:

Which veterinarian do you plan to use? _____

How much do you anticipate spending yearly on food, vet care, and other expenses? _____

Do any members of your household have allergies? _____ To What? _____

Do you have any plans to move in the near future? _____ If at some time you do move, what will you do with your pet? _____

In case of illness, injury, vacation, etc., who will be responsible for the care of your pet(s) in your absence?

Personal References (only one reference may be a relative):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone No. _____

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If your application is for a dog, please provide the following:

How much time will this dog be alone (without human companionship) _____ hours _____ days a week

Will your dog stay: primarily inside? _____ primarily outside? _____ outside only? _____

Where will the dog be kept when home alone? _____

Where will you exercise this dog? _____ How often? _____

Do you have a **fully** fenced-in area? _____ Type of fence? Wood _____ Chain link _____ Other _____

How high? _____ Size _____ Immediate access to fenced in area from exterior door: Yes ___ No ___

When will you use a leash: all the time _____ almost always _____ sometimes _____ never _____

What food will you feed? _____ How often will you groom/brush? _____

Describe how you will housebreak your dog _____

How will you discipline or correct your dog? _____

A dog can live well over 10 years and requires a major commitment of time, finances, and emotion. Why do you feel you can make that kind of commitment at this time? _____

If your application is for a cat, please provide the following:

How much time will this cat be alone (without human companionship) _____ hours _____ days a week

Will your cat be allowed outdoors? _____ How often? _____

Do you plan on declawing your cat? _____ If yes: front feet _____ all four feet _____

How will you teach your cat to: stay off counters _____

not eat plants _____ not scratch furniture _____

What food will you feed? _____ How often will you groom/brush? _____

What will you do if your cat urinates outside the litter box? _____

How long do you expect it to take for your new cat to adjust to its new home and learn proper behaviors? _____

A cat can live well over 10 years and requires a major commitment of time, finances, and emotion. Why do you feel you can make that kind of commitment at this time? _____

Any comments you would like to add: _____

This application consists of four (4) pages.

Your application will be processed as quickly as possible. Application process is sometimes delayed due to unavailability of personal or veterinarian references. We will call you with an approval or denial as soon as the application is fully processed. It normally takes 1 to 3 business days to fully process the application.

By signing below, I certify that the information given is true and correct and I recognize that any misrepresentation of facts will result in my losing the privilege of adopting a pet. I also give my veterinarian permission to release any vet care records and information about my current and past pets to the Humane Society of Decatur and Macon County.

The HSDMC reserves the right to refuse any adoption to anyone for any reason.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Name(s) of person(s) who showed the animal for adoption: _____

Comments: _____

Application Approved: _____ Denied _____ Date ____/____/____

Comments: _____

