



## FRIENDS OF ATTLEBORO ANIMAL SHELTER

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### *The Adoption Process*

*The following describes our adoption policies and will answer most of your questions about our adoption process. Thank you.*

1. The application process begins with the Adoption Application. Anyone wishing to adopt from Attleboro Animal Shelter / Friends of Attleboro Animal shelter must first fill out an Adoption Application Form.
2. The Adoption Application form is available on-line, and can be e-mailed or faxed. Please be sure to fill out the Application Form completely. We cannot process incomplete applications.
3. Upon receipt, your application will be reviewed by our staff. If the application appears to be a good match for the pet of interest, then one of our volunteers will contact you via email or telephone.
4. A veterinarian reference and personal references are required. This may sound like a lot of scrutiny, but our responsibility is to adopt the animals we save into the best possible homes.
5. If you are in the process of changing veterinarians, we still require the name of your former veterinarian. This allows us to verify a history and habit of proper veterinary care.
6. We may not place dogs in homes with children under the age of 6. We may also require families with young children between the ages of 6 and 10 who apply to adopt a dog to have a securely fenced area in their yard. This requirement ensures the safety of the dog, by preventing him/her from running out into the street or otherwise leaving the yard. This also ensures the safety of the children, who might otherwise run after the dog into the street.
7. Please recognize that being first to apply for adopting a certain animal does not guarantee that you will be approved to adopt that animal. We do not work on a first-come, first-served basis, but rather, try at all times to find the best match possible between the animal and adopting home.
8. Once you have submitted your application, please allow us time to process it. We are an all-volunteer group, so please be patient.
9. If the application review is favorable, we will contact you to schedule a time for you and your family to meet the animal. We ask that other family members or people who live in the household meet the animal so that we can meet them and answer any questions about pet ownership.
10. Once the adoption is approved, we will schedule a time to finalize the adoption, sign the Adoption Contract, and you can bring the animal to his or her new home.