



IREDELL COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Adoption Process and Guidelines

[TO VIEW ALL OF OUR AVAILABLE PETS GO TO iredellhumane.org](http://iredellhumane.org)

\$125.00 Dog
\$175 Purebred Dog
\$100.00 Cat
\$125 Purebred Cat
ADOPTION FEE
Includes vaccinations,
spay/neuter, and
current veterinary care

PROCESS:

1. Submission of application by potential adopter.
2. Evaluation of application:
 - Veterinary reference check
 - Evaluation of suitability of home for pet
3. Approval of application.
4. Phone interview.
5. Home visit – at which time the pet may come, and may stay for the 3-week trial adoption period, if all are parties are in agreement. Payment of adoption fee at this time, which is refundable within 3-week trial adoption period, if the adoption is not permanent.
6. Next day phone check; first week phone check; second week phone check.
7. If pet is too young to be spayed or neutered, a certificate will be given to adopter to be used at designated veterinary hospitals in Iredell County or the Kernersville Spay/Neuter Clinic.

BASIC GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR ADOPTION:

1. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older.
2. Good veterinary reference:
 - Present pets get annual exam, shots, and are on heartworm (dog) and flea preventative.
 - All pets in household are spayed or neutered, unless too young.
3. Home visit approved.
4. Pet will not be left alone for long periods of time. Some of this depends on the age and the temperament of the pet.
5. All family members are really excited about the new pet, and are interested in participating in the adoption process.
6. Individual needs of each specific pet will be met in prospective home; i.e., pet needs a home with no children, pet needs a home with no other pets, or dog needs a home with no cats, etc.

Why does the Iredell County Humane Society make it so difficult to adopt a pet?

The answer is very simple. These animals have already been in homes where they thought they were loved. Because of various circumstances (many involving abuse or neglect), they ended up in our care. We want to do everything in our power to make sure your home is their “forever” home. We also do not allow the cruel practice of docking of tails, ear cropping, or de-clawing on our pets.

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