



### **Humane Society of Elkhart County Adoption Policies**

The following adoption policies were designed to help prevent animal suffering. Only by strictly adhering to these policies does the Humane Society of Elkhart County feel that they can be sure of placing the animals entrusted to them in quality homes.

- We try to adopt out only healthy animals with good dispositions
- We require that all animals adopted be spayed or neutered
- We adopt animals out only to adults of legal age (18yrs) who intend to keep them as lifelong inside pets.
- We do require written or verbal permission from landlords before an animal is placed if the applicant is renting their residence.
- We do require that all animals be properly licensed in accordance with their local community requirements and receive proper veterinary care including necessary vaccinations. It is state law that all dogs, cats and ferrets in the household must be current on their rabies vaccination before 6 months of age.
- We do not permit the adoption of animals as gifts for someone else or to any organization.
- A Meet & Greet is required if adopting a dog into a household with another dog. All dogs in the household must meet the dog at the HSEC before the dog can be adopted.
- We do not release animals for research.
- We do require strict adherence to all laws and ordinances.
- We reserve the right to approve or deny an adoption to anyone.
- If adopting an unaltered Male animal in a household with an unaltered Female animal or vis-versa, a vet appointment must be made within 10 days of adopting that animal before the animal can be adopted. This applies to animals 6 months or older.
- A release must be signed to allow the Humane Society to have access to your veterinarian's records. This allows the Humane Society to verify that your current animals in your household are spayed/neutered and are current with their rabies vaccination.