

Adoption Counseling Guidelines



For Cats!

Questions to ask:

- Who is this cat for?
- Do you currently have any pets?
- Have you had a cat in the past?
- Do you know what declawing is?
- Do you have any kids at home?
- Do you rent or own?
- Where do you plan to keep the cat?

FAQs:

- Cat meet and greets must take place where the cat is living.
- Adult cats should not be picked up.
- Kittens can be held on lap if sitting.
- Kittens must go into a home with a sibling or with an adult cat in the home.

Reasons to say **no**:

- Group adoptions.
- Intoxication or emotional instability.
- Intention to declaw.
- Non pet friendly housing.
- Has not received ESA approval for housing.
- Planning on having cat outside.

For Dogs!

Questions to ask:

- Who is this dog for?
- Do you currently have any pets?
- Have you had a dog in the past?
- Do you rent or own?
- What is your lifestyle like?
- Where do you plan to keep the dog?
- Are you planning on adopting today?

FAQs:

- Meet and greets:
 - Dogs: Can take place at the shelter, at your home, or in a public place.
 - Puppies: Your home.

Reasons to say **no**:

- Group adoptions.
- Intoxication or emotional instability.
- Two puppies together:
 - Female w/ Female: due to littermate syndrome.
- Non pet friendly housing.
- Outdoor only:
 - Dog isn't a good fit.
 - Puppies intended as outside dogs.
- Intention to use as guard dog.
- Has not received ESA approval for housing.

If you feel uncomfortable redirecting or saying no, please reach out to the foster department.

