## **Fulton County Animal Services**

Managed by Barking Hound Village Foundation, Inc.

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Hours of Operation Monday - Thursday 11am - 7pm Friday - 11am - 6 pm Saturday - Sunday 10am - 5pm

# Adopting a Pet

If you are interested in adopting a pet, please look through our shelter to see all of the wonderful pets we have available. Most of the pets in our shelter are family pets that are lost from home; however, since they have no ID tags we are unable to call the owner. Therefore, we hold the pets for a stray waiting period to give the owners a chance to reclaim them before we make them available for adoption. Unfortunately, the owners rarely come looking for them. Please see a kennel attendant to remove a pet or if you have questions.

- 1. Look at the "Review Date" on the bottom left hand corner of the cage card.
- 2. If the Review date is today's or before, you can adopt that pet today if the application is approved. Once you have chosen a pet, bring the card to the adoption counselor's office and fill out an application to adopt. Applications are located on clipboards in the adoption room near the adoption counselor's office.
- 3. If the Review date is in the future, you cannot adopt that pet today. However, you can fill out an application and be placed on the waiting list for that pet. You may put your name on the waiting list for up to two animals.

#### Waiting List Procedures

- 1. If you find a pet you would like to adopt that is not yet available for adoption, you can fill out an application to adopt when it does become available. Applications are located on clipboards in the near the adoption counselor's office.
- 2. Write the animal ID number of the pet you are interested in on the top of your application.
- 3. When you are finished, give it to one of the counselors. They will file it under the Due Out date. You will be notified by phone prior to the Review date or you will be notified on the Review date.
- 4. If there are any problems or questions about your application, an adoption counselor will call you to discuss them, or to let you know the status of your application.

Didn't find the pet you want? Keep checking our website www.fultonanimalservices.com or at www.petharbor.com.

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## SHELTER VISITATION GUIDELINES

Thank you for visiting Fulton County Animal Services!

If you are looking for your own LOST PET, please check in at the front desk first before entering the kennel. Please note that the shelter staff names all animals when they first arrive at the shelter. Therefore, your pet's correct name may not be on the card.

### PLEASE READ BEFORE ENTERING THE KENNEL AREA:

- If you are interested in adopting a pet, feel free to enter the kennel area to look at the pets we have available for adoption.
- PLEASE DO NOT OPEN ANY CAGE DOORS, ENTER ANY KENNEL RUNS OR HANDLE ANY OF THE ANIMALS. NO EXECEPTIONS! THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFTEY AS WELL AS THE SAFETY OF THE ANIMALS.
- DO NOT PUT YOUR FINGERS IN THE CAGES. PHYSICAL CONTACT CAN SPREAD GERMS FROM ANIMAL TO ANIMAL IN THE KENNEL AREA.
- If you see a pet that you are interested in potentially adopting, please let a kennel attendant know so that they can take the pet out of its cage to meet you. Please note that there are special restrictions regarding adoption of pit bulls, pit bull mixes and rottweilers. If you are interested in adopting one of these breeds, please check with the adoption office first before interacting with the dog.
- If you decide to adopt one of our pets, you will need to fill out an adoption application form and provide us a copy of identification.
- Pets adopted from our facility are spayed or neutered before they go to their new home. Therefore, most pets are not available to be taken home on the day of adoption. The pet will be sent to our veterinarian the day after adoption and will be available for pickup at our shelter usually the day of surgery.

#### Adoption fees are as follows:

- \$85.00 Dog ~ This fee includes the cost of spay/neuter, heartworm testing (if over 6 months old), microchip, vaccinations, de-worming, collar, leash and rabies shot (if old enough).
- \$65.00 Cat ~ This fee includes the cost of spay/neuter, microchip, vaccinations, de-worming, cardboard cat carrier and rabies shot (if old enough).