

Adopting a Companion Animal

The Process

Before meeting with an adoption counselor:

1. Please obtain a number and an adoption application at the Information Desk.
2. View the companion animals available for adoption. NOTE: All puppies under 7 months and certain dogs have a mandatory training requirement. Only spayed or neutered animals can go home on the same day of adoption.
3. If you see any pets you are interested in adopting, please fill out both sides of the appropriate animal application.
4. If you don't see any animals you are interested in today, you can still meet with a counselor and start the adoption process. Applications are kept on file for 3 months. Breed specific rescue numbers are also available upon request.

At the kennels:

A _____
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1. Read the kennel cards and all attached information about the animals you like.
2. **Please do not take the kennel cards with you!** Write down the six-digit A# from the top left-hand corner of the kennel card (ex. A253647). We can show you a maximum of 3 animals per visit.
3. Listen for your number to be paged overhead, then return to the information booth. We will page each number 3 times before we move onto the next customer.

Think while you wait:

Bring the animal's A# to the Information Desk to ask any preliminary questions

- Is this animal suitable with young children or other pets?
- How large will the puppy grow?
- Are there health or behavior issues that may require extra time, effort and/or expense?
- How will the animal affect your home and family life.
- What breed characteristics should I be aware of?

In Order to Adopt, You Will Need:

1. **Identification** (such as a driver's license or California State ID card)
2. **Consent** of all adults in your household.
3. **Children** 18 mos. - 6 years must be present at the time of final adoption.
Some animals have extra stipulations.

Additional requirements for dogs only

4. **Landlord approval** - proof allowing pets in rental units.
5. **Dog to Dog** - For the safety of both animals, households with existing dogs are required to have an introduction before a final adoption is made.

