



Jackson/Teton County Animal Shelter

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Open Monday-Friday 9:00AM – 6:00PM

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Our Adoption Process:

1. **SO YOU'RE INTERESTED IN AN ANIMAL:** At the shelter we look to adopt our animals to loving, suitable, and forever homes. We want to ensure that a potential adopter and the animal they are interested in are a good fit for each other. Please consider your housing situation, lifestyle, and finances before committing to a furry friend. We reserve the right to refuse adoption to anyone at any time.
2. **FINDING THE RIGHT FIT:** Shelter staff will talk with you about your suitability as an adopter and ask for a vet reference and to provide landlord approval if you are interested in a cat. If you are interested in a dog, we will ask you to fill out an application. Applications typically take 2-5 business days to process. We process applications in the order in which we receive them; however, an application submitted first does not necessarily guarantee adoption. We will choose the best home for the dog based on all of the applications we receive. If your application is approved, we want you to spend some time with the animal you are interested in, and if possible, introduce them to other pets and/or family members currently living in your home. Sometimes, applications may be approved even if you are not granted adoption for the particular dog you are interested in. Instead, we will keep the application on file until a dog that is a better fit for you comes along. If we approve your application AND we feel satisfied that you will be a good fit for the dog you're interested in after our conversations with you:
3. **THE ACTUAL ADOPTION** We will review all known medical history of your animal with you, send you home with a goody bag full of treats, coupons, deals, and referrals to animal professionals in our area. If you live in Teton County we will issue you a pet license. We will answer any questions you may have and give you as many resources as we can to ensure you and your new pet can enjoy a happy and healthy life together!
4. **ONCE YOU TAKE AN ANIMAL HOME:** We do not have a foster program so the first TWO weeks of an adoption always serves as a trial period. If for any reason you and the animal cannot make things work during that first two weeks, you are more than welcome to bring them back to the shelter and we will refund all of your adoption fees.

5. **FOREVER AFTER:** We will call you 2 weeks after adoption to check-in. If things are going well, we will consider the adoption final, and we will register your pet's microchip in your name. If the adoption isn't working out, we can extend the trial period or ask you to return the animal to us for a full refund. Please send us pictures and feel free to stop by the shelter for a visit! We love to hear from our alumni, and feel free to utilize the shelter as a resource for any questions or concerns you may have at any point down the road.

FAQ's

- **What are your adoption fees?**

DOGS- Base fee = \$45. Other fees as applicable: microchip = \$15, rabies vaccine = \$15, Teton County Pet license = \$5. Overall, adoption fees can range from \$45-80.

CATS- Base fee = \$30. Other fees as applicable: microchip = \$15, rabies vaccine = \$15, Teton County Pet license = \$5. Overall, adoption fees can range from \$30-65.

- **What kind of vet work have the adoptable animals had?**

All of our animals are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up-to-date on most vaccinations when they are available for adoption. We will run basic diagnostics for any health issues that are pre-existing or arise during their time at the shelter, as well as perform dentals, blood work, and/or urinalysis, as needed. We do not regularly vaccinate dogs for Bordetella or Leptospirosis or cats for Feline Leukemia. If you would like your pet to have these vaccines, they will need to be administered by a vet at your expense post-adoption. We also do not routinely treat for fleas or heartworms as they are not common in our area but do if an animal's history or symptoms indicate that it is needed.

- **Do you adopt out of county?**

Yes; however, we require that you meet the animal you are interested in in person prior to adopting. We want you to get to know them and we want to get to know you! Furthermore, we do not have transportation services set up at this time.

- **What do I do if I see an animal online that I'm interested in but I can't make it to the shelter that day?**

We can place a hold on animals for 24 hours until you are able to come meet your new best friend!

- **What if I'm really looking for a particular breed of dog or cat that you don't have at the shelter right now?**

We would be happy to take your name and phone number. If the type of animal you are looking for comes into the shelter, we will try to give you a call! Please keep in mind that we try our best to honor these requests on a first come-first serve basis but cannot guarantee that we will get to this list prior to them being scooped up!

- **Can I take an animal home for a night to try things out?**

Unfortunately due to the nature of animals surrendered to the shelter, we cannot offer a foster program at this time. We encourage you to spend lots of time getting to know an animal at the shelter before committing to adopting, and the first 2 weeks of an adoption always serve as a trial period.