

Hillsborough County Animal Services

Adoption Information

Welcome to Hillsborough County Animal Services. We have companion animals we would like to see adopted to responsible owners, but our first consideration is for the welfare of the animal, therefore you must be approved to adopt prior to being able to handle the animals.

There are several things that you must consider and agree to before adopting an animal:

1. **I.D. & AGE** - Your photo I.D. (valid driver's license, state or federally issued I.D.) will be photocopied onto your application. **Proof of your current address** will also be required. A person adopting an animal must be 18 years of age or older or have a parent or legal guardian present to sign adoption forms.
2. **RENTAL & PROPERTIES OWNED BY OTHERS** - Properties with landlord rules regarding pets will require **prior approval** from property management before an adoption may be approved.
3. **NUMBERS OF ANIMALS** - Normally, we do not adopt more than two dogs or two cats during any 12-month period to the same person/family. Requests for exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Director of Animal Services.
4. **CASH, CHECKS, CREDIT CARDS** - We accept cash, personal checks up to \$150 on local banks, and major credit cards or bank debit cards with American Express, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover emblems.
5. **COMPLIANCE** - Adoption of an animal is made with the understanding that an employee of Animal Services or a designated representative may visit you to check for compliance with our adoption policies you have agreed to on a future date.
6. **PET OWNER EDUCATION QUESTIONNAIRE** - in order to adopt an animal, the prospective owner shall be required to participate in an educational questionnaire and to demonstrate knowledge of the subject matter.

Many of our animals come from unknown backgrounds. Therefore, Animal Services does not make any guarantees as to the health, temperament, or ultimate size of any animal.

Please understand that we deal with unwanted and discarded animals. The adoption procedure may seem time consuming, but we wish to maximize the animal's chance for a successful adoption. Adopting a companion animal is a major consideration and responsible pet ownership demands a considerable commitment. We invite you to look over our selection of animals.

We reserve the right to perform background checks and/or refuse any adoption if, in our opinion, the best interest of the animal would not be served.

By signing the **Adoption Application**,
you agree to the adoption stipulations above.

ARE YOU READY FOR A NEW FRIEND? BEFORE YOU CAN TAKE ONE HOME, YOU'LL NEED...

- 1. An approved adoption application**
- 2. Cash, check, or a major credit card for the fees**
- 3. Proof of your current address**
- 4. Photo identification (will be photocopied onto your application)**
- 5. Successfully complete a short, educational pet owner's questionnaire**
- 6. And, you need to come to:**

**Hillsborough County
Animal Services
440 Falkenburg Road
Tampa, Florida
(North of SR 60, West of I-75)**



**Department of Animal Services
Telephone: (813)744-5660
www.hillsboroughcounty.org/animalservices**

ADOPTION FEES*

Puppies/Small Breeds <6 months or <25 pounds

Adoption Fee	\$145.00
Senior Citizen (62+)	\$70.00

Dogs

>6 months or >25 pounds

Adoption Fee	\$105.00
Senior Citizen (62+)	\$40.00

Cats

Adoption Fee	\$70.00
Senior Citizens (62+)	\$25.00

*All adoption fees include registration fee. Registration fees for intact animals are an additional \$20.00.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Refundable Sterilization Deposits

(Applies only if the health or the age/size of animal does not allow sterilization prior to adoption)

Dog (Intact)	\$100.00
Cat (Intact)	\$70.00

Main Lobby Business Hours:

**Tues - Friday 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Closed Sunday, Monday, and
holidays.**

Adoption Hours:

**Tues - Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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