



## Admissions Process and Policies

Saying goodbye to a pet can be a difficult and emotional experience. We understand that there are circumstances where finding your pet a new home may seem like the only option left. The Greenville Humane Society (GHS) is a no-kill, non-profit, limited-admissions organization that is committed to assisting you and your pet in any way we can. Before making the decision to surrender, we are happy to help you find a way for your pet to remain a member of your family. Please consider all of the options available before deciding on surrendering for adoption.

### **If you decide to surrender your pet:**

As a no-kill and non-profit, we are a limited-intake facility and do not typically have the means to accommodate walk-in surrenders. GHS would be glad to see you by appointment, at which time we will assess your pet as a potential candidate for the GHS adoptions program. Please see reverse side for what to expect at your appointment.

Appointments are scheduled Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please note, an admissions appointment does not guarantee that your pet will be accepted for the adoption program.

Contact our Admissions Office at **(864) 263-5607** or [admissions@greenvillehumane.com](mailto:admissions@greenvillehumane.com) to discuss setting an appointment.

### **We cannot accept:**

- Stray animals: Owners who have lost their pets need a central location to find them, and that is their local municipal agency (animal control/shelter). Under state law, stray animals must be held for a minimum of 5 days in order to provide owners adequate time to locate their lost pets.
- Animals with known aggression problems or an animal that has bitten someone
- Animals with known contagious or fatal diseases
- Animals with behavioral disturbances that would prevent them from being adopted
- Animals over 10 years of age

**There is no fee for puppies or kittens with no adult canine teeth present**, but please consider the expenses incurred in evaluating and caring for your pet prior to adoption. If accepted into the adoption program, there is an owner surrender fee of \$25 per animal with adult canine teeth present (approximately 5 months or older, but differs from animal to animal). For any animals over six years of age or considered medically obese, there is a \$55 bloodwork fee in lieu of the surrender fee (\*\*see flip side for details). A donation of any amount is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Your donation will help your pet and others in their journey to find their forever homes.

### **What to Expect at Your Appointment:**

A standard appointment will take approximately 20 - 30 minutes, at which time we will perform a temperament and medical evaluation.

The temperament evaluation will assess the pet's interaction with humans as well as the other animals they will encounter and live with while in the shelter (adult dogs with other adult dogs, adult cats with other adult cats, etc.) This is to ensure the shelter environment is suitable for the pet with regards to any socialization issues such as extreme timidity or dominance/aggression issues. We may require a pet to be socialized further before a reevaluation, which we are always willing to do and are happy to offer advice on how to do so.

The medical evaluation will assess the pet's general health with special regards to contagious diseases as well as medical conditions that would knowingly hinder the pet's chance of adoption or knowingly place a large financial burden on future adopters. This will include, but is not limited to, examining the joints, heart, skin, and dental health, as well as simple blood tests.

\*\* For pets over 6 years of age or considered medically obese, we will draw additional blood for bloodwork, which takes 1-2 business days to get back from the lab. During this time, your pet would return home with you. Roughly 80% of bloodwork cases are found to be within normal ranges and are accepted.

There will be a Personality Profile to be filled out during or before these assessments. The Personality Profile is available on our website if you would like to fill it out in advance. We will review your pet's Personality Profile as well any previous veterinary records and potentially do a short interview with you. If we are able to accept your pet at that time, you will be required to sign a relinquishment contract giving GHS legal ownership of your pet. If you decide to keep your pet during or after the surrender procedure, you will be responsible for any adoption and/or medical service fees at the standard current rate. Adopting back a surrendered pet is at the discretion of adoption managers on a case-by-case basis.

\*Please note: Greenville Humane Society is a no-kill organization. Animals are NOT euthanized due to capacity or length of stay in our adoption program. In the event that a significant medical complication compromises an animal's comfort and quality of life or if a pet is so behaviorally aggressive as to present a material danger to human safety, GHS reserves the right to humanely euthanize.

ADMISSIONS STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_