



Adoption Guide



A guide to your adoption process and taking
your new pet home





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Mission



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It is our mission, here at Lakeside Animal Rescue to improve the quality of life for all homeless animals and help reduce the population of strays.

We are dedicated to rescuing abused, abandoned and neglected animals in need.

Nestled in the heart of Holly Hill, SC, Lakeside Animal Rescue operates with a sense of quiet purpose and a deep commitment to making a difference in the lives of animals and our community. While we may not boast flashy facilities, our impact is measured in the paws we protect and the lives we transform.

Our mission at Lakeside Animal Rescue is a simple yet heartfelt one – to extend a helping hand to homeless animals while also striving to reduce the number of strays. Without the grandeur of a physical shelter, our efforts are grounded in the compassion of our foster-based approach. We prioritize rescuing animals that have endured neglect, abuse, and abandonment, giving them a second chance at a life filled with love and care.

Our focus is not on accolades but on the animals we serve and the lives we touch. Lakeside Animal Rescue's journey is about being a reliable and steady source of positive change, demonstrating that even small steps can create a lasting impact. Through our collective dedication, we work toward building a community where animals are cherished and their well-being is a shared responsibility.



I cannot say enough incredible things about this organization and the ladies that run it. Their selflessness to tirelessly love and care for all these abandoned animals is inspiring!





Application Process

Website & Application

Ready to embark on the journey of adopting a furry friend? Swing by our website and hunt down the ["Adoption Application" page](#). Take your time to tell us all about yourself and what you're looking for in a pet. Your insights help us make the magic happen and pair you with the perfect pup or cat. Your love for animals is music to our ears!

What's Next?

After you've bravely hit the submit button, expect a little message or call from our awesome team. We'll want to chat about some references – vets, friends, and your landlord if you're renting. Oh, and a peek at your living space in a few photos would be swell too! Don't worry, we're just dotting our "i's" and crossing our "paws" to make sure everything's set.

Meet & Seal the Deal

Alright, it's time for the grand meet-up! You and your potential fur-ever buddy will get together and see if the sparks fly. If it's all sunshine and tail wags, we'll just need a little bit of paperwork magic – an adoption contract to make things official and a payment to seal the deal. If you're raring to take your new buddy home on the spot, make sure you've got those docs and payment ready. Contract can be signed digitally or printed and [emailed](#) back. Payment is available through [Venmo](#) or [PayPal](#).





Contract FAQ's

1. How do I sign my contract?

Contract must be signed and sent back before you may take your new addition home. You may print out and ink sign or use a pdf editor to sign digitally. Email contract to lakesideanimalrescue@gmail.com

2. Do I pay at the same time?

Yes, you must send payment via [Venmo](#) or [PayPal](#). Fosters at meet & greets will confirm payment either by confirming with the founders/directors or a look at your venmo/paypal payment screen on your phone.

3. When do I take my new pet to the vet?

You will bring them to a licensed veterinarian for a general health visit, including a fecal exam, at your(adopters') expense **within 14 days of receiving the Pet. The Adopter will promptly provide LAR with a copy of the veterinary report from such visit.**

4. What if I can no longer keep my pet or cannot afford their medical bills?

If for any reason I am not willing or able to provide proper medical care for the Pet, I will return the Pet only to Lakeside Animal Rescue. I am not permitted **UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES** to give or sell this Pet to any other person, private or public organization, shelter or pound. I agree that the penalty for failure to comply with this term shall be **\$1,000**.

5. When will they get spayed/neutered?

In some cases your pet may not be neutered/spayed due to his/her young age at the time of adoption. You will agree to neuter/spay the Pet by age 6 months by the veterinarian chosen by Lakeside Animal Rescue, which is covered by the adoption fee or have your personal vet neuter/spay and LAR will **reimburse \$150 of the adoption fee**. If you refuse to do so, you will be **100% responsible** for covering the cost with your vet. If you are out of state and the puppy is too young for alteration, you will be responsible for using your personal vet. Upon proof of neuter/spay, you will send the paperwork to LAR and then can request the **\$150 reimbursement**. If you fail to neuter/spay the Pet, LAR retains the right to reclaim the animal. If I am a no-show to the scheduled appointment for neuter/spay, I will then be **100% financially responsible** for surgery costs with my personal vet.



Contract FAQ's cont.

5. Does my pet come vaccinated?

Most pets will come with their initial set of shots as well as the current month of prevention. Puppies usually include the first two sets of vaccines. You are required to have your pet examined at least annually by a licensed veterinarian and to vaccinate them in a timely manner according to the recommendations of a licensed veterinarian at their expense. **Adopters also agree that the pet will receive monthly heartworm and flea/tick preventatives.**

6. What do I provide for my new family member?

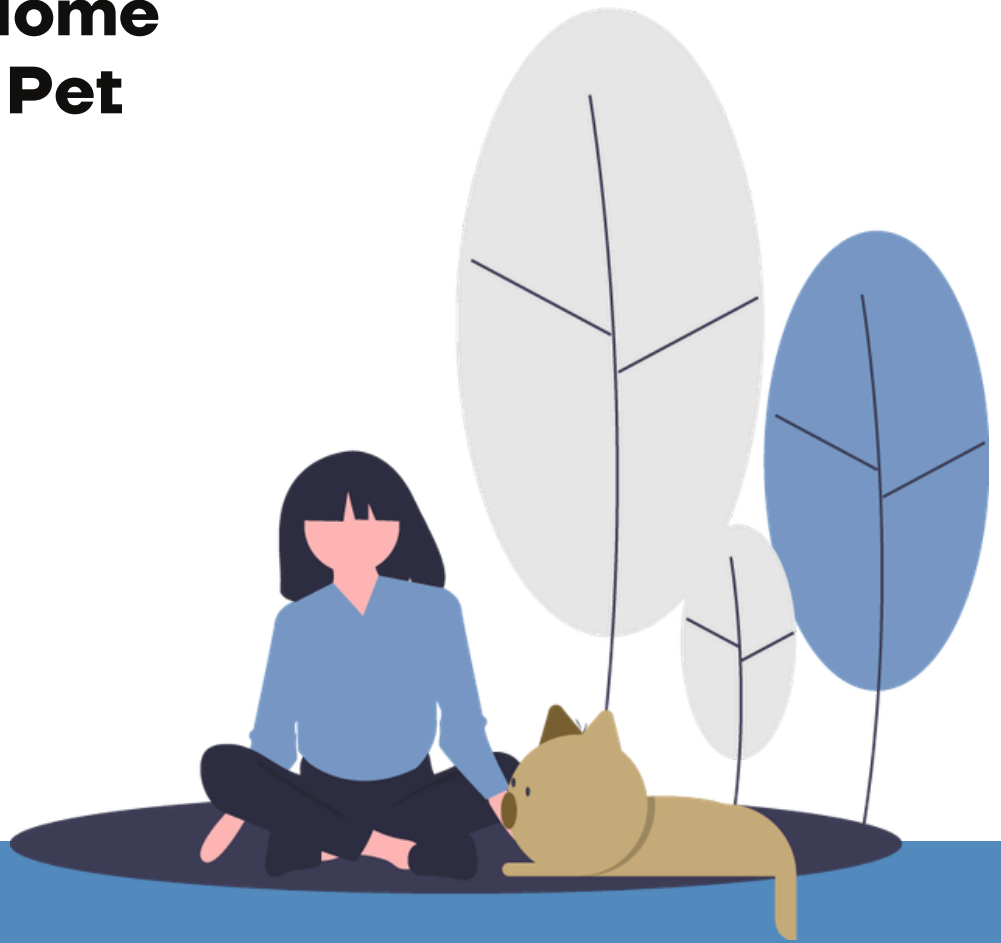
You will be required to provide proper and sufficient food, water, veterinary care, shelter and kind treatment for the Pet always. Adopters further agree that the Pet is being adopted as a family pet. The Pet will have extensive house privileges, will sleep inside the house and will not be kept confined to a crate for long periods of time or solely in the yard.

7. What is the adoption fee for adoptable rescues?

Cat Adoption Fee: **\$150**

Dog Adoption Fee: **\$495**

Bringing Home Your New Pet



1

Puppy

Bringing home a puppy is equal parts chaos and magic. Start by creating a calm, safe space where they can decompress—new environments can be overwhelming. Stick to a consistent routine for feeding, potty breaks, and sleep right away. Frequent trips outside (especially after eating, playing, or waking up) will set the foundation for house training.

Keep introductions slow. Limit visitors, avoid overstimulation, and let your puppy explore at their own pace. Begin gentle training early—simple cues like sit, stay, and name recognition go a long way. And yes, they will chew everything. Redirect, don't punish.

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Kitten

Your kitten may arrive curious—or completely unsure about you. Either way, give them a small, quiet space to start. A single room with food, water, litter box, and a cozy hiding spot helps them adjust without stress.

Let them come to you. Avoid forcing interaction, and use toys to build trust through play. Keep litter box placement consistent and clean—it matters more than you think. Expect bursts of energy followed by dramatic crashes. That's normal.

Pro tip: scratching is not rebellion, it's biology. Provide a scratching post early unless you want your furniture to volunteer as tribute.

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Adult Dog

Adult dogs often settle in faster—but don't mistake calm for comfort. They're still figuring everything out. Give them structure immediately: set feeding times, walk schedules, and clear boundaries.

Take things slow with introductions—to people, pets, and even different rooms. A leash indoors at first can help guide behavior without stress. Watch for subtle signs of anxiety like pacing, hiding, or lack of appetite.

Consistency builds trust. The more predictable your home feels, the faster they'll relax and show their real personality (which is usually better than you expected).

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Adult Cat

Cats don't do "instant bonding"—they do "I'll decide when you're worthy." Start with a quiet room and let them adjust on their terms. Hiding is normal. It's not rejection, it's strategy.

Keep food, water, and litter separate and consistent. Sit nearby, talk softly, and let curiosity do the work. Avoid picking them up too soon—consent matters in cat world. Once they start exploring, expand their space gradually. Before long, they'll be claiming your favorite chair like they've paid rent the whole time.