



Siloam Springs Animal Services
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Adoption Requirements

1. Applicants for animal adoption must be at least 18 years of age.
2. All applicants must furnish two personal references. Please, no family members
3. Applicant must agree to abide by all the city animal ordinances establishing the care, control and registration standards for animal ownership within the city.
4. All dogs and cats over 6 months must have appointment for the animal to be spayed or neutered before the adoption transaction is complete. If the attending veterinarian chooses to postpone the spay/neuter surgery due to medical concerns the adopting party must agree to return the animal to the attending veterinarian at the specified time for surgery. For animals under the age of six months, the spay/neuter surgery will be scheduled to take place when the animal reaches the age of six months; the adopting party must agree to bring the animal to the attending veterinarian at the specified time for the spay/neuter surgery. **Pre-payment of spay or neuter is required at the time of adoption.**
5. Very young children and small puppies and kittens do not always mix and children are often bitten or scratched as a result of inadvertently holding or picking up a young animal in the wrong way. In households where there are children under the age of 6 years, applications for adoption of puppies and kittens under 5 months of age shall be evaluated by the following guidelines:
 - Compatibility between the child and the animal, which will be evaluated by Animal Shelter staff prior to adoption.
 - The child's previous experience with other animals.
6. Puppies (aged five months and younger) are **generally** not adopted into a home where there is no one home during the daytime for more than five consecutive hours. A puppy needs to be socialized with people on a consistent basis in order to become a good companion. A puppy cannot learn to be housetrained if there is no one home to take him/her outside for training. Puppies are like children – they need the supervision to teach them right from wrong. Applicants who cannot be home to train a puppy are encouraged to consider adopting an older animal.
7. Applicants who rent their home/apartment we must receive verbal permission from the landlord or owner of the residence. **We must receive verbal permission from the landlord within 24 hours of the application being filed. If not received within that time, we will cancel the application and make the animal available for adoption.**
8. If for any reason the adoption is not successful or the owner cannot keep the pet, we welcome you and your pet back. We recognize that not every pet adoption will be successful through no fault of the person or the pet, however if this time is greater than 1 month a surrender appointment may be required. We will also need 48 hours notice before the animal is returned to the shelter.
9. If you give away your pet for any reason, it is important to notify us. This is vital because every adopted animal is registered and vaccinated against rabies and we must be able to update the information with the current owner information.
10. Animals are placed as companion animals, not as guard dogs or mousers.
11. Animals cannot be adopted to persons owning other animals that not in compliance with their local animal registration regulations, or who own unlicensed pets.
12. No animals will be adopted to persons having a history of ordinance violations, losing, giving away, or selling animals, or having animals injured or killed by moving vehicles.
13. Verifiable and secure photo identification is required at the time of application and adoption.
14. An animal **will not** be adopted to persons providing false information on the adoption application.

I agree to the above requirements and wish to adopt a pet.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

City of Siloam Springs Animal Services

Adoption Application & Profile

Welcome to the City of Siloam Springs Animal Services. We are pleased that you have decided to give a homeless animal a second chance. The purpose of our adoption program is to find responsible homes for animals suitable as family pets. Thank you for filling out this profile. The information you provide will help us help you find the best pet for you and your family.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Driver's license # _____ State _____ Date of birth _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Cell phone _____ Email: _____

Housing (Check all that apply): Own Rent Live with Parents Military Student Apartment
 House Mobile home Condo/Townhome Fenced Yard Unfenced Yard Dog Run No Yard

If you rent, Animal Services must receive **Verbal** permission from your landlord.

If we do not receive verbal permission by _____ your application will be cancelled.

Landlord's Name _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____

References

Please provide two (2) references, preferably from Siloam Springs (**not a family member**) who we may contact between the hours of 8am and 5 pm:

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Work/Cell Phone _____

Work/Cell Phone _____

Animal's name or Number that you are wanting to adopt: _____

You and Your Household

- Are you A first time pet owner? Have owned pets in the past.
- My family consists of: Adults # _____ Children # _____ Ages _____
- Do others in your household know about and approve of you planning to adopt a pet? Yes No
- Is anyone in the house allergic to animals? Yes No
- Who will be responsible for the pet? _____
- If adopting a dog, how will he or she be restrained? _____
- If adopting a cat, how will he or she be restrained? _____
- Where will your pet spend the day? _____ The night? _____
- Other pets currently at home? Yes No
- Do they have current vaccinations? Yes No
- Are they currently registered with the City of Siloam Springs? Yes No Other, licensed elsewhere, City _____ Tag# _____
- Are you familiar with local animal ordinances? Yes No
- If you move in the future, what will you do with your pet? _____
- How much time would you allow your new pet to adjust to your family and/or present pets? _____
- Have you considered the daily expenses for maintaining an animal (Medical, food, grooming, etc.)? Yes No
- Are you familiar with humane procedures for housetraining? Yes No
- If a behavior problem arises, are you prepared to invest the time and expense for training? Yes No

Please list all pets currently at home and any that you have owned in the past three years.

Pet's Name	Male or Female	Cat or Dog	Breed	Age	Is the Pet Spayed/ Neutered?	Where is the pet kept?	What Happened to the Pet?

Name and phone number of your veterinarian

By signing below, I certify that all above information will be found true, and any misrepresentation of any fact may result in denial of adoption. I acknowledge and understand completely that all pets up for adoption are the sole property of Siloam Springs Animal Services. I Authorize investigation of all statements I have provided on this application. I also understand that an authorized representative of Siloam Springs Animal Services may contact me in the future to follow up on the success of this adoption. The adoption fee is non-refundable.

Thank you for completing the profile. Please sign below and see the next page to review adoption requirements.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____