

HOWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL AND ADOPTION CENTER

ANIMAL VIEWING HOURS:

MONDAY 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
TUESDAY 1:30 PM - 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
THURSDAY 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
(Closed at 2:30pm last Friday of each month)
SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(Closed Holiday Weekends)

8576 Davis Road
Columbia, MD 21045
410-313-2780
www.animal-advocates.org
www.petfinder.com/shelters/MD106.html
www.facebook.com/HowardCountyAnimalControl



ADOPTION RULES



In order to ensure the well being of the animals adopted from the shelter, the following adoption rules have been established. Please read the following before completing the Adoption Application. We appreciate your selecting our shelter from which to give a homeless animal a second chance for a happy life.

1. The minimum waiting period for all adoptions is at least 24 hours.
2. All animals adopted from the Howard County Animal Control facility are to be household pets and a part of the family. Animals should not be confined for extended periods of time in such areas as a crate, basement, laundry room, or garage or to be tethered or chained. Animals are not to be left outside unsupervised and cats are adopted into strictly indoor homes only.
3. All persons living in the household should be involved in the selection of the pet and must visit with the pet prior to adoption. This must be done within 48 hours of filing the application. It is required that the primary caretaker approve the selection.
4. Howard County Animal Control (HCAC) has the right to prohibit the adoption to persons having a history of violating Animal Control Laws, losing or giving away an animal or if you had a pet that was injured or killed by a moving vehicle.
5. After conducting a Health and Temperament Evaluation, the Animal Control Administrator or Kennel Supervisor may deem any animal unavailable for adoption.
6. HCAC also has the right to prohibit the adoption of certain animals into homes with children. Enrollment in obedience classes or other requirements may be assigned for animals with special needs. We require most dogs under two years old to be taken through an obedience class.
7. No animal is to be sold or used for vivisection and/or experimental purposes. No animal is to be used as a guard dog, hunter, mouser or breeder.
8. The animal must be maintained in accordance with the Animal Control Laws of the county in which the adopter resides. All pets currently owned by the adopter must be maintained in compliance with the Animal Control Laws in order for the adoption of a pet to be approved. State Law requires all dogs and cats to be vaccinated against rabies. Howard County Laws require all dogs, cats and ferrets to be vaccinated against rabies.
9. Dogs and cats must wear a collar and identification at all times. All animals adopted from the shelter are micro chipped. It is highly recommended that the adopter register the micro chip with the National Registry to insure the safe return of their pet, should the pet be lost.

ADOPTION PROCEDURES

1. An adoption application must be filed on the animal that a citizen wishes to adopt. An interview and/or home visit must be conducted and approved before the animal is released from the shelter. The maximum holding time on an application to be processed is 48 hours.
2. ALL ANIMAL ARE SPAYED OR NEUTERED PRIOR TO THEIR RELEASE. If any medical condition prevents HCAC from being able to spay or neuter an animal prior to adoption, adopters are given a prescribed time by which the animal must be spayed or neutered. Adopters will reimburse HCAC for the medical expenses relating to spay/neuter, vaccines and licensing prior to taking custody of the animal (please see fee schedule below).
3. Once the adoption is final the animal may not be transferred to another owner or otherwise disposed of but must be returned to this shelter if the owner can no longer care for the animal.
4. HCAC has the right to inspect the applicant's home after the adoption to ensure the well-being of the pet. HCAC also reserves the right to reclaim the animal, if in its opinion, the animal is not being properly and humanely cared for. HCAC will reclaim all animals if all the requirements of the adoption contract are not met.

ADOPTION FEES

In order to encourage citizens to adopt a pet, we attempt to keep prices as reasonable as possible. The fees charged are exactly what the veterinarian charges the shelter. Absolutely no profit is incurred with adoptions.

<u>DOG ADOPTION FEES:</u>		<u>CAT ADOPTION FEES:</u>	
Neuter/Physical/Pain Medication	\$110	Neuter/Physical/Pain Medication	\$60
Spay/Physical/Pain Medication	\$125	Spay/Physical/Pain Medication	\$80
Distemper Vaccine	\$9	Distemper Vaccine	\$9
Distemper Booster	\$9	Distemper Booster	\$9
Rabies Vaccine (4 months and older)	\$12	Rabies Vaccine (4 months and older)	\$12
Advantage Flea Treatment	\$10	Advantage Flea Treatment	\$10
Heartworm Test	\$7	Feline Leukemia/FIV Test	\$15
Microchip (\$40 value)	Free	Microchip (\$40 value)	Free
Dog License (Howard Co. Residents)	\$6	Cat License (Howard Co. Residents)	\$6
Dogs At Most: \$178(Female) \$163(Male)		Cats At Most: \$141(Female) \$121(Male)	

<u>FERRET ADOPTION FEES:</u>		<u>RABBIT ADOPTION FEES:</u>	
Spay/Neuter	\$30	Spay/Neuter	\$30
Rabies Vaccine	\$10		

<u>OPTIONAL SERVICE FEES:</u>			
Please request these services before your interview is scheduled.			
Fecal Check	\$30.00	Physical Exam	\$27
Bath (dogs only)	\$40.00	First Leukemia Vaccine	\$25

We also offer discount spay and neuter certificates for animals that are not from our shelter. Please ask the front desk for pricing.