



City of Valdez Valdez Animal Shelter

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STEPS TOWARDS ADOPTING AN ANIMAL FROM THE VALDEZ ANIMAL SHELTER

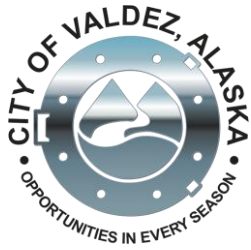
1. When showing interest in adopting an animal, the potential adopter must fill out an 'Adoption Application' form. They will receive a handout on adoption of a dog or cat.
2. The potential adopter will be given, as much as possible, a background on the animal. They will be encouraged to spend time with the animal to be sure it is the pet they are looking for.
3. The Animal Control Officer or a designated trained adoption counselor must interview the adopter.
4. The potential adopter will be informed of the costs of adoption and the fact that the animal will be neutered/spayed before it's release into a new home. The potential adopter will be informed of the city animal codes, such as the leash laws. They also will be counseled on the training of the animal and on health care of the animal. Free materials on animal care and training, such as books and tapes, are available on loan and will be offered to the potential adopter.
5. The final decision on who will be allowed to adopt an animal will be made by the Animal Control Officer or a designated adoption counselor.
6. Before taking their new pet home, the adopter must pay all the adoption and license fees. They must also sign an adoption agreement.

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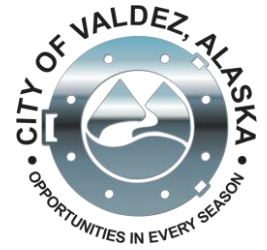
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ADOPTION APPLICATION

Welcome to the Valdez Animal Shelter. All persons interested in adopting a pet from our shelter must complete this questionnaire. **Unanswered questions will constitute an incomplete application.** This information will help us place our animals in the best possible home, and at the same time, find the best possible pet for you.

(Please print clearly)

Name of pet you are interested in adopting: _____

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

ADL _____

1. What type of pet are you looking for? Dog Puppy Cat Kitten Other

2. Is this your first experience with this kind of pet? Yes No

3. Please check any of the following reasons for adopting a pet:
 Guard Dog Companion Sled Dog Family Pet Child's Pet
 Companion for Other Pet Hunting Mouser Other (specify) _____

4. Do you own any pets at the present time? Yes No
 If you answered yes, please list the description of your pets below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Breed/Species</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Altered?</u>	<u>How long have you owned</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

5. a) How many pets have you owned in the past 5 years? Dogs _____ Cats _____ Other _____

<u>Name</u>	<u>Breed/Species</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Altered?</u>	<u>What Happened to it?</u>	<u>How long?</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

6. Where do you live?
 Apartment House Duplex Mobile Home
 Other (specify) _____

7. Do you: Rent: _____ or Own: _____ Other: _____

If you are not the property owner, Valdez Animal Shelter will verify your residences current pet policy.

Landlord's Name _____ Phone Number (_____) _____

Landlord notification/reply: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ Staff: _____

8. How many children live at your house? _____ What are their ages? _____

9. How many adults, besides you, live in the household? _____

10. Do any of the household members have allergies affected by pets? Yes No

11. Who will be primarily responsible for taking care of the new pet? _____

12. Will this pet be alone during the day? Yes No # of Hours _____
Where will this pet be kept when no one is home? _____

13. Where will this pet be kept at night? _____
How many hours per day will your pet be outside and why?

If your pet will be outside, what arrangements are you making for its safety and shelter?

14. If adopting a dog/puppy, is there a yard available? Yes No
If yes, is it fenced? Yes No Type? _____ Height? _____

15. Do you have experience in dog training and housebreaking? _____

16. Do you plan on having this cat declawed? _____

17. If your cat stop using the litter pan what will you do? _____

Please feel free to write any additional comments:

I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that falsification of this information can be cause for denial of my application or revocation of the contract.

Signature _____ Date _____

In order to be considered as an adopter, you must:

1. Be over 18 years of age.
2. Have the knowledge and consent of your landlord (if renting/leasing).
3. Be willing to be interviewed before a decision is made.
4. Be willing and able to spend the time and money to provide training, medical treatment and proper care for a pet.

The Valdez Animal Shelter reserves the right to refuse adoption to anyone.

- When showing interest in adopting an animal, you must fill out this 'Adoption Application'.
- We will do our best to give you as much background and information on the animal you are showing interest in.
- You will be given a short interview if there are any questions about your application.
- You will be informed on the cost of the adoption, the adoption procedures, as well as notified that the adoptable animal must be spayed/neutered, given a rabies vaccination, as well as an AVID micro-chip before they are placed in their new home.
- The final decision on who will be allowed to adopt this animal will be made by the Animal Control Officer.
- Before the new owners take their pet home, the adopter must pay the adoption fee and sign an adoption agreement.

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Please sign stating that you have read and understand the above policies & procedures:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Application reviewed by: _____ Approved: _____ Not Approved: _____

Animal No Longer Available: _____

Applicant Notified: _____ Date: _____

Application Review

Notes: _____
