

# **WEST WENDOVER ANIMAL CONTROL ADOPTION POLICY**

**THE ADOPTION FEE IS A NON-REFUNDABLE DONATION TO THE WEST WENDOVER ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT; WHICH IS USED TOWARDS THE CARE FOR ALL ANIMALS IN ITS POSSESSION.**

OUR ADOPTION POLICIES ARE DESIGNED TO ENSURE PERMANENT, LOVING AND SAFE HOMES FOR THE ANIMALS ENTRUSTED TO OUR CARE. THE LIFELONG WELL-BEING OF EACH ANIMAL IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING ONE OF OUR ANIMALS, PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

**RESIDENCY** – You must produce identification showing your current **PHYSICAL** address and mailing address.

**SPAY/NEUTER** – Spaying or neutering your pet is mandatory if you adopt from the West Wendover Animal Shelter. All pets will be surgically altered within 25 days from the time they go home with you, or by the time they are (6) six months old. This mandatory requirement is done in an effort to prevent any further pet over population problem.

**ANIMALS MAY NOT BE ADOPTED AS GIFTS** – The animal must be chosen and adopted by the person/family who will be responsible for it.

**WE DISCOURAGE THE ADOPTION OF KITTENS AND SMALL-BONED PUPPIES UNDER 12 WEEKS OF AGE TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 5** – Infant animals are fragile and can be injured, even through the best of intentions.

**DOGS WILL NOT BE ADOPTED AS “GUARD” OR “ATTACK” DOGS** – Dogs are placed as companion animals only.

**THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND THIS AGENCY BELIEVES THAT DOGS SHOULD BE ACCEPTED IN YOUR HOME AS AN EXTENSION OF THE FAMILY. IF YOU WANT TO ADOPT A DOG THAT WILL SPEND MOST OF ITS TIME OUTSIDE, WE ASK THAT YOU LOOK FOR AN ANIMAL THAT IS AT LEAST (1) ONE YEAR OLD AND CAN ACCLIMATE TO THE WEATHER. ALL DOGS LEFT OUTSIDE FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME REQUIRE DIRECT ACCESS TO SHELTER THAT WILL PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS. WWAC MAY INSPECT THE AREA WHERE THE ANIMAL WILL BE KEPT PRIOR TO APPROVAL.**

**ADOPTION WILL BE REFUSED TO ANYONE SUSPECTED OF USING ANIMALS FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

- Experimentation
- Cult Rites
- Food
- Dog Fighting
- Breeding
- Or any other purpose contrary to the shelter mission.

**IF YOU RENT, WE NEED TO CHECK WITH YOUR LANDLORD** – Many of the animals are brought in because a landlord won't allow them on the property. We want to ensure that once you take a pet home, you won't have to bring it right back – it's very traumatic for the animal.

**WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECLINE AN ADOPTION BASED ON THE JUDGEMENT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER** – Some dogs or cats may not be right for a certain family and the adoption will be at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer.

**AN ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE IS MANDATORY AND MUST BE COMPLETED AND APPROVED BEFORE ANY ANIMAL IS ADOPTED.**

**UPON SIGNING THE ADOPTION AGREEMENT FORM, THE NEW PET OWNER (S) WILL ADHERE TO ITS REQUIREMENTS** – This means if there is a problem with the adopted pet that it will be returned to the West Wendover Animal Shelter. We want to ensure that the animal will not be turned out on the street to “fend for itself”.

**ALL ADOPTED DOGS AND CATS WILL BE LICENSED ACCORDING TO WEST WENDOVER CITY ORDINANCE WWC 4-4-5** – The adopter will have the animal licensed, and pay all licensing fees within thirty (30) days of adoption (see below fee schedule). If the animal is under six months old, the time frame to register the animal will be extended. **ALL LICENSING AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ENFORCED.**

**\*\*\*\* ALL ADOPTED DOGS AND CATS WILL HAVE TO BE EITHER SPAYED OR NEUTERED AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE.**

**REGISTRATION/LICENSE FEES**

DOG LICENSE

If Neutered/Spayed: \$10.00  
Non-Neutered/Spayed: \$20.00

License Replacement: \$5.00

CAT LICENSE

If Neutered/Spayed: \$5.00  
Non-Neutered/Spayed: \$10.00

**ADOPTION FEES**

DOG:	\$25.00	PUPPIES:	\$12.00
CATS:	\$12.00	KITTENS:	\$6.00

**\*\*ADOPTION FEES DO NOT INCLUDE MANDATORY SPAY/NEUTER ALTERATION, IMMUNIZATIONS, OR THE RABIES VACCINATION.**

**SHELTER HOURS**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY      8AM TO 5PM  
EXCEPT HOLIDAYS**

**PHONE:      775-664-4393, OR 775-664-2930, OR 775-664-2572**

## WEST WENDOVER ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for coming to the West Wendover Animal Shelter. Our goal is to provide a permanent, responsible and loving home, for our animals, and to minimize the number of pets returned to us. We would appreciate your help in filling out this form so that we may help you select the right pet for you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PO BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_

### CIRCLE THE FOLLOWING:

1. DO YOU OWN YOUR OWN HOME OR RENT?
2. DO YOU HAVE YOUR LANDLORD'S PERMISSION? YES OR NO  
LANDLORD NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_
3. HOW MANY ADULTS LIVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD? \_\_\_\_\_
4. HOW MANY CHILDREN LIVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD? \_\_\_\_\_
5. HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED AT YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS? \_\_\_\_\_
6. WHO WILL BE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU'RE NEW  
DOG OR CAT? \_\_\_\_\_
7. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS ARE YOU  
LOOKING FOR IN A NEW PET? WATCHDOG, FAMILY COMPANION,  
HUNTER.

### RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS OF THIS AGENCY AND THE WEST WENDOVER ANIMAL CONTROL IS THAT ALL PETS BE PROPERLY CARED FOR BY THEIR OWNERS. ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE AVERAGE MONTHLY COST IS APPROXIMATELY \$40 - \$50 PER MONTH, NOT INCLUDING A SHELTER FOR THE PET AND CAN BE HIGHTER?

YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT PETS DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?**

**KIND            SPAYED/NEUTERED            WHERE KEPT            TIME OWNED**

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**Are the above animals registered with the City? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**How will you keep your animal on you property? (Fence, Chain, etc.)**

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**If an outdoor pet, describe the type of shelter you have, or will have for the pet?**

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**Where will the animal be kept while at work? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**How many hours will the dog be left unattended? \_\_\_\_\_**

**IN ORDER TO VERIFY INFORMATION, THE WEST WENDOVER ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER MAY WANT TO INSPECT THE PREMISES WHERE YOU'RE PET WILL BE KEPT. IS THIS ACCEPTABLE? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the WWAC reserves the right to deny the adoption of any animal.**

**Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please list any comments or questions you may have:**

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\*\*\*\*\*FOR OFFICE USE ONLY\*\*\*\*\*

Animal Control recommendation: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Police or Lieutenant: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for denial: \_\_\_\_\_

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DUE DATE FOR REQUIRED PET REGISTRATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following is a brief (summary) of the City Ordinances pertaining to cats and dogs. For a detailed description of the City Ordinance please contact the Animal Control Officer.**

**WWC 4-4-5 DOG AND CAT LICENSE PERMIT AND INOCULATION REQUIREMENTS.**

- A. License and inoculation required: It shall be unlawful for any person owning, harboring or having the care, custody, or possession any dog or cat in anyplace in the city, unless such dog or cat is licensed.**
- B. License fees: Every person having the care, custody or control of or maintaining any dog or dogs, or cat or cats, six months (6) old or older will have the animal licensed in the city.**
- C. Animal bites: Any bites that occur will be reported to the animal control officer or police officer regardless of current vaccinations against rabies. The animal will be quarantined for ten (10) days at the first sign of illness. A licensed veterinarian will examine the animal.**
- D. WWC 4-4-5G No more than three (3) cats or dogs: No person shall keep more than (3) dogs or cats six (6) months of age at any premise or in any one residence located within the city, used or occupied by human being without first obtaining a fancier's permit.**
- E. WWC 4-4-8A Animals running at large prohibited: Leash or command required: Running at large of all animals in the city is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is hereby prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any owner or custodian of any animal, whether licensed or unlicensed to permit or allow such animal to run at large within the city. It shall be deemed running at large and not under the immediate control of the owner or member of the immediate family of the owner or the custodian of such animal.**
- F. WWC 4-4-8B Trespassing of an animal: Any person observing any animal at large may apprehend, capture or take up the same by any reasonable and humane means to capture the animal that is trespassing upon his or her property and immediately turn it over to the owner or custodian or the Animal Control Officer or any Police Officer of the city, who shall impound and dispose of the animal.**

**THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS ONLY A SUMMARY. IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING ANY OTHER ANIMALS THAT ARE ALLOWED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS CONTACT THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER OR A POLICE OFFICER PRIOR TO OBTAINING THE ANIMAL.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**