

# Think Before You Adopt

Pet adoption is a big decision and has many aspects to consider. Falling in love with an animal is easy and quick but please make sure it's the right choice for yourself and the pet. Pet ownership can be rewarding and fun but only if you think through your decision before the adoption. Please consider your lifestyle, schedule, and family to ensure that you will make the best choice possible for yourself and the pet.

- Will you be able to devote the extra time and care that the new pet will need during the adjustment period?
- Are you prepared to take the full responsibility for the pet morally, physically and financially for the next 8-15 years?
- Have you researched about the breeds and type of animal you are interested in?
- Is your home ready for a pet?
- Do you have all the necessary supplies?
  - For cats- food, litter box, shelter, litter, toys and treats.
  - For dog- dog food, leash, collar, crate or fence, toys and treats.
- Why do you want a pet?
  - Make sure the reason you would like a pet is justifiable for the next 10-20 years.
- Do you have time for a new pet?
  - Many of our animals have been brought here by their owners because they simply didn't realize how much time and effort it takes to take care of a new pet.
- Can you afford a pet?
  - The expenses add up quickly between veterinarian bills and everyday care.
- Are you prepared to deal with the special problems that a pet can cause?
  - From scratched furniture to fleas or accidents and unexpected medical emergencies are unfortunate but common aspects of owning a pet.
- Are your living arrangements suitable for the animal you have in mind?
  - Can you have a pet where you live?
  - Consider the size, age and amount of care the animal will take.
- Do you know who will care for the animal while you are on vacation?
  - Are they reliable and do you have to pay for a boarding or pet sitting service.

Your adoption fee includes:

Heartworm or FIV/Felv Blood Test	Vaccinations	Intestinal Deworming
Flea and Heartworm Prevention	Avid Microchip	5 lb bag of food
Free exam at participating veterinarians		

***Thank you for visiting the Whitley County Humane Society!!***