



Adoption FAQs

What are your adoption fees?

Dogs over the age of 6 months are \$85; under 6 months is \$120. Cats over the age of 6 months are \$35; under 6 months are \$60. The cost to SHS is roughly \$350 per animal, and any additional donation you would like to leave with your adoption fee would be greatly appreciated!

What is covered in the adoption fee?

Spay/neuter, all age-appropriate vaccinations and deworming, and heartworm testing and prevention for all dogs over the age of 6 months. Each pet leaves with a microchip, this microchip comes with a lifetime registration! Additionally, each pet receives a free-wellness exam at one of our participating veterinarians!

What do you need from me in order to adopt?

Please bring your adoption fee and a valid ID.

Can I call and ask for you to hold an animal for me?

Holds, or intent-to-adopt, can be done over the phone ONLY if: A) You have previously met the animal, B) We already have a completed and approved application on file, and C) You have the ability to send and receive paperwork electronically.

Can I take a pet home for a trial-run to see how it does with my family?

No, however, we are a resource for you and your new pet for LIFE. If there are any issues after adoption that may cause you to return the pet, we ask that you contact us so that we may be of any assistance if possible. If you absolutely cannot keep the pet you may return the pet to SHS; this does not mean a 'strike' against you OR the pet. Adoption fees are non-refundable or transferrable.

Can I bring my dog with me to look for a new pet?

*Certainly! You must schedule an appointment with our behavioral staff. Please call 205.669.3916 or email ostem@shelbyhumane.org for a schedule. These appointments are made based on staff availability, and may only be offered twice per week. **Please note: your dog cannot walk through the kennels with you and our staff is unable to watch your dog for you. We recommend bringing a friend or family member to be in control of your dog so that you may visit with the dogs in our care.***