

RESPONSIBLE RESCUE AND REHOMING

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Clearly documented
- All employees, volunteers and fosters to be aware of policies/procedures

DOCUMENTATION AND FEES

- Standard Pre-Adoption Questionnaire, Application, Contract and records
- Stipulate exactly what the adoption fee includes (vaccination, sterilization, microchipping, etc.
- Keep accurate records of each animal - Sex, age, description, Date of arrival, vaccination and sterilisation status, reason why animal was taken in, known/special characteristics

INTERVIEW AND MATCHING

THE ANIMAL

Age
Breed/ Temperament
Other animals
Health
Grooming
Exercise/Energy level
Special needs

THE ADOPTER

Lifestyle
Current and previous animals
Age (18 years or older)

Children under the age of 6 years – do not adopt out very young animals. Children can not always handle puppies or kittens properly which leads to injury to the animals, the child, or both

Allergies?
Current and previous animals (By-Laws)
Vets/References



REASON FOR ADOPTION

- Place as a companion – NOT to serve primarily as a guard dog or cats for hunting mice/rats
- Do not allow animals to be adopted as gifts

PROPERTY CHECK

- Own/rent/complex – landlord/body corporate permission
- Size, security, wall height
- Area/Road
- Swimming pool

CONTRACT

Must include the following:

- Adopter may not sell, breed, fight, tether
- Must ensure that animal receives medical care
- Must inform AWO if animal goes missing or dies
- Must return animal to the AWO if they can no longer keep the animal
- Compulsory sterilisation



FOLLOW UP

- Vaccinations/Sterilisation/Microchip
- Conditions

PET CARE RESOURCES

- Veterinary services, training, behaviourists, food

INCREASE ADOPTION BY:

- Proactive promotion and advertising – be original
- Professional conduct
- Don't pressure adopters
- Do not allow “on-the-spot” adoptions
- Allow prospective adopters to spend time with the animal
- Give full history of the animal
- Be honest if the animal has special needs

DOES SHE LOOK LIKE A DOG NOBODY WANTS?

Wilma was found as a stray in Brooklyn in 2009.
She is brave, courageous and sweet. Just like NYC firefighter Steve.



A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS.....

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.