

How to Adopt

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How do I adopt?

To adopt you must first qualify. You need to offer a quality, permanent, loving home. To be a good dog owner, we require that you have a fenced yard. If you don't want to make a serious commitment to an animal and provide care and love, you should not be a pet owner. Get a plant or a television instead, and leave the animals for other homes.

We are open to the public for adoptions every day except Wednesdays. Call us at 282-8617 for directions and additional information. All of our animals have been to a local veterinarian and are up to date on shots, wormed and treated professionally for any problems. Treatment records (shots, vet visits, and history) are available for inspection. We try to ensure that every cat and dog at our sanctuary is healthy, well fed, safe, and happy. All animals are spayed or neutered before adoption is allowed. A \$60.00 donation is required for any animal adopted (senior citizens receive a \$10 adoption fee discount).

Most Free To Live animals are mixed breeds. We seem to accumulate the strays of the world that are resilient, tough and tumble. We have very few small dogs, and rarely get a pedigreed bloodline at the sanctuary. Many of our cats are a bit reclusive, though some will knock you down to sit in your lap. The mixed bloodlines tend to make a healthier animal overall. We just don't have a lot of "trophy" animals. We have a vast selection though; about 125 cats and 150 dogs at any given time are available for adoption.

We have a liberal return policy. At any time, no matter how long after an adoption, we will take back any Free To Live animal, **NO QUESTIONS ASKED!** If you adopt from us and no longer wish to commit to the pet, we will take it back into our sanctuary home. We will not give you any of your money back (this is a liberal policy for us). If you seem responsible to us, we will allow you to trade for another animal, although here we do ask questions. People sometimes take an animal home, and it turns out to not be a good match for their other pet or environment. We encourage these people to try trading for a different temperament animal if it is not working out.

We also adopt animals out on Saturdays from a PetsMart location. Special rules apply at this location. For PetsMart times and information, look on our calendar. At Petsmart we try to encourage responsible pet ownership. Come by and

see us at PetsMart (we have only a sampling of our 200+ animals there each Saturday) and talk to our volunteers about adoption from Free To Live.

We encourage adoption from local public (city/county based) animal welfare organizations (your local "pound"). These truly homeless animals are marked for death and deserve a chance to find a loving home. The animals at Free To Live have found a no-kill sanctuary with us and are safe and cared for at our sanctuary. Try your local "pound" first (check our online list of Oklahoma shelters), then only come adopt from us if you can't somehow find a good match at the city-run adoption facility near you. We are priced a little higher than the local "pounds." They often times have a better selection of cute kittens and puppies too.

Also visit our 'Special Needs' animals who are not generally available for adoption.