



### **Adoption Policy during COVID-19 Pandemic**

*Due to special circumstances, adopters **will not be able to meet cats, kittens, small animals, and dogs under 6 months of age prior to adoption.** If you are wanting to meet the animal before adopting, we would highly recommend waiting until we reopen to the public. All policies are subject to change depending on current conditions.*

I understand that the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society cannot guarantee the temperament, personality, or behavior of an animal.

I understand that if the pet does not work out in my home, I will return the pet to the night receiving area located at the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society. I understand I will not receive a refund should I need to return my pet.

I understand that by submitting my application it does not guarantee the pet that I am interested in will be held for me. I understand appointments are limited each week and are scheduled on a first come first serve basis depending on the status of the application.

I understand that to minimize staff contact and to safely practice social distancing, I must have a cell phone and credit card to complete an adoption during my appointment.

I understand that if I miss my scheduled appointment, the animal will not be held for me and I will need to start over in the scheduling process.

I understand that I will not be able meet multiple animals during my appointment and that I must have a specific animal in mind to adopt prior to scheduling an appointment.

I understand that the health and safety of the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society staff is a priority as it is essential that they are able to come to work and care for the animals. I will forfeit my appointment and not come to the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society should I have been sick within the last month, have COVID-19 symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, or other similar cold or flu-like symptoms, have received a positive COVID-19 test am awaiting results of such test, or have been in direct contact with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19, or have traveled outside of South Dakota in the last month. I understand that staff may have other questions that may be asked of me in my interview for adoption.

By signing, I am agreeing to all the above statements and policies.

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Signature

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Date