



## New Pet Parents' Don't Forget List

### Congratulations!!

The Sioux Falls Area Humane Society would like to congratulate you on becoming a new parent of a pet today! You're probably very excited to have added a companion to your family! At the same time, it would not be unusual to feel overwhelmed with the abundance of information you've been told during your adoption counseling session!

FEAR NOT – You are ENCOURAGED to **call the shelter** anytime at **605-338-4441** if you find yourself feeling confused, or realize you forgot to ask something.

*Here is a condensed list of important reminders of things you need to do for your new companion!*

### Grab your calendar!

1. Get him or her to the vet of your choice within the next **7 days** for the **FREE physical**. *Note: You were provided with a list of veterinarians at the time of adoption. If the vet that you choose is not on this list, they may not offer a free physical.*
2. Have your licensed veterinarian give your pet the **RABIES VACCINATION!** It is required by law to have your pet up to date on rabies.
3. If you live within Sioux Falls city limits or any other city limits, you are required to **LICENSE** your dog or cat over the age of 6 months. It can be obtained at your vet's office or the Humane Society upon proof of Rabies. The license is NOT the same thing as the rabies tag.
  - ✓ Prices may vary based on length of license (1yr or 3yr), animals spay/neuter status, and your cities ordinance.
4. **SPAY/NEUTER-** Make your appointment for the spay or neuter of your new pet. Keep in mind the given due date you signed your legal contract to. You have 30 days from the adoption date if your pet is 6 months or older. If your pet is younger than 6 months, check your paper work for the specified date.
5. **ID** – Get an ID on your pet the DAY he/she leaves the shelter! You can conveniently purchase an engraved metal tag on the spot from Walmart, PetSmart, or Petco's instant ID tag machines. If you choose a small sized tag, make sure your phone number is on it. Your pet cannot be returned to you if the finder only knows its name! It is recommended that you do not put your address on the tag for safety reasons.

**Thank you for adopting! We wish you and your new companion the best!**