

## Stratford Animal Control Adoption Policy

- Potential adopters must fill out an application and be approved
- All household members must come in at one time to meet the animal. We will not show an animal until all members are present.
- Kittens are not available for adoption until they are 8 weeks and a minimum of 2 pounds.
- You must provide us with up-to-date veterinarian records for your current pet. If your current pets are not vaccinated or spayed/neutered your application may be denied.
- If you own a dog, you must provide a copy of your current dog license.
- If you have a dog and want to adopt a dog you must bring your current dog in for a meet & greet.
- Potential adopters must show proof of home ownership such as a tax bill or mortgage statement. Utility bills do not count as proof of homeownership. Renters must show a lease or a notarized letter from their landlord stating they are allowed to own a pet
- The adoption fee for kittens is \$68.00. The adoption fee for puppies is \$75.00. This entitles the adopter to two free vaccines, a microchip, martingale collar and leash for dog, collar for a cat and a discount off the spay/neuter. All kittens/puppies will be dropped off at the veterinarian prior to going home with the new owner. They will receive an exam, initial vaccines, disease testing and spay/neuter if the veterinarian feels the animal is age/size appropriate. The veterinarian will call you when the kitten/puppy is ready to be picked up. This could take up to seven days or more.. The new owner will be responsible for the balance of the veterinarian invoice. Typically, the balance has been \$100.00-200.00.
- The adult animal adoption fee for cats is \$23.00. The adult animal adoption fee dogs is \$30.00. All adult animals have been spayed/neutered, vaccinated, tested for disease and microchipped. Adoptions include a martingale collar and leash for dog and a safety collar for a cat. Additional donations are appreciated to help off-set costs and allow us to continue our humane program.
- Animals are not held while you are gathering the required documentation to have your application approved. Prospective Adopters must understand that animals will not be held for anybody and adoptions are approved at the discretion of the Animal Control Officers. In the case of multiple applications, for the same animal, the animal will be adopted out at the Animal Control Officers discretion. Every effort is made by the Animal Control Officers to match animals to proper homes and filing an application does in no way guarantee that the prospective adopter will be approved for such animal
- Payment for adoptions must be made by exact cash change only.

Potential Adopter agrees to the above policy.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications can take 2 or more days to be reviewed. Please call the office if you do not hear from us: 203-385-4068**

