



# Heartland Pet Welfare Adoption Policy

Heartland's goal is to place our pets in homes that will be able to meet their needs. The following is Heartland's policy:

- ♥ An application must be completed and approved before an adoption can take place. There may be a 2 day waiting period while the application is considered. There may be additional questions during this 2 day waiting period as well.
- ♥ No pet will be adopted as a "surprise" gift. The recipient must discuss the adoption with Heartland. An application must be completed for each adoption.
- ♥ After your application is approved, you will need to bring a clean carrier to take the cat home.
- ♥ All cats adopted from HPW must remain indoor.

**ADOPTION FEE:** \$\_\_\_\_\_ per cat. This fee helps to offset the cost of spaying or neutering, the feline leukemia/FIV test, distemper and rabies vaccinations, ear mite and flea treatments, plus any medications the cat needed while in our care at the shelter.

- Keeping with the current available data, HPW will not permit or adopt out any kitten/cat to be declawed.
- All HPW cats have been spayed or neutered before adoption.
  - Pets will be adopted to homes that appear to be stable and able to care for a pet in a responsible manner (including the ability to provide veterinary care as needed, providing a safe environment for the pet, and with the intention of a long-term commitment to the pet).
  - Many landlords do not permit pets. If renting, HPW will contact your landlord to confirm their pet policy. Also consider the possibility that you may have to move sometime in the future. Will you be willing and able to take the pet with you? Inform your landlord that HPW will be contacting them for a reference.

Adopting a pet is a life-long commitment. If situations arise that cause you to think that you may need to re-home your pet, HPW may be able to refer you to appropriate resources.

**BE SURE YOU REALLY WANT A PET FOR IT'S LIFETIME BEFORE YOU ADOPT.**

Heartland Pet Welfare reserves the right to deny any application for adoption. We hope you will understand that the pet's welfare must be our primary concern.