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Adoption Policies

The goal of Green Lake Area Animal Shelter, Ltd. is to place pets in suitable, compassionate, permanent homes. Therefore, we strictly follow the requirements listed below.

No person under the age of 18 may adopt a pet.

All adults living in the household must have knowledge of and consent to the adoption.

All animals in the adopter's household must be spayed or neutered prior to taking home the new pet.

All potential adopters must complete an Adoption Questionnaire, as well as a Cat or Dog Questionnaire, which will then be reviewed and processed by a member of G.L.A.A.S. staff. G.L.A.A.S. does not approve adoptions on a first-come, first-served basis. Adoption approval is based on what is in the best interest of the pet.

All adoptions will be held for a minimum of 24 hours to check landlord, veterinarian, and personal references, confirm home ownership, and to ensure that impulse decisions are not being made. This 24-hour hold may only be waived at the discretion of the Shelter Manager.

HSUS guidelines read "Puppies and kittens should be at least four months of age before being placed in homes where there are children under six years of age. Health and humane authorities agree that a young child usually cannot be expected to handle a puppy or kitten properly. Mishandling is likely to result in injury to the animal, the child, or both." For this reason, the Shelter Manager may require a visit from the whole family before approving the adoption.

Adoption fees are to be considered a donation, and are therefore not refundable. The Shelter Manager will evaluate exceptions on an individual basis.

Misrepresentation of information on the Adoption Questionnaire may be reason for denial of adoption.

Exceptions to the above policies are made at the discretion of the Shelter Manager.

This policy revised and effective January, 2010.

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