



## **Mesa County Department of Animal Services Adoption Information and Application**

The purpose of Mesa County Animal Services adoption program is to find responsible, lifelong homes for animals that are suitable for family companions. Making such matches requires us to know the needs of the animals to be placed and that of their prospective adopters. It is not kind to place an animal in a home where it may fail to receive adequate companionship, food, water, shelter, and veterinary care. Nor is it a benefit to the community to place animals with owners who allow them to roam the neighborhood, violate animal Services laws, or reproduce, adding to the community's burden of unwanted animals.

Mesa County Animal Services follows certain guidelines when considering an applicant for adoption of a pet. Some items taken into consideration are: Adopter interview, adopter suitability for specific pet, adopter's history of animal ownership, reason for wanting to adopt, children in the household and their ages. Animal Services reserves the right to refuse to adopt an animal based on our adoption policy. Animal Services does not adopt pets for gifts.

Before adopting any animal, Mesa County Animal Services asks that you consider your ability to provide the animal its basic needs, including food, shelter, companionship, veterinary care, grooming, training and exercise. Special requirements of the breed and its suitability to your household should also be considered.

Please read the following carefully:

1. I understand that Mesa County cannot guarantee the health and temperament of this or any animal. Please take the time to make your selection carefully. The nature of our adoption program does not allow for refunds unless at the initial veterinary examination a problem is discovered and the adopter elects to have the animal returned to Animal Services directly from the Veterinary office and before any procedure is completed.
2. I understand that sterilization of this animal is required.
3. I understand the vaccination against rabies of this animal and all other dogs and cats in the household is required. Licensing of any dogs in the household is also required.
4. I understand that an animal may be released to an adopter directly from Animal Services. Some animals will be transported to a veterinarian for veterinary services and will be released to the adopter by the veterinarian. Veterinary appointments are made based on availability at a participating veterinary office.
5. I agree to comply with all Mesa County/Grand Junction animal laws.
6. I understand that the adoption contract is binding and will be enforced.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Adopter Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date/Time**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Witness**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date/Time**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of your residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your Property Management Company / Landlord / Homeowners Association allow this type / size of animal?  Yes  No

Have you adopted from Animal Services before?  yes  no

Have you released a pet to Animal Services within the last 30 days?  yes  no

Who is your veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial Please) I certify this adopted animal will not increase the number of animals in my residence greater than the amount allowed by applicable city and county ordinances. (County- max 5 per household / City- max 3 dogs and 3 cats).

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial Please) I certify all animals in my household are current on required vaccinations and are licensed as required.

Number of children in your household and their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Is everyone in your household aware that you are considering pet adoption?  
 yes  no If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

So that we can determine what is effective advertising for our adoption pets, please tell us how you heard about us. \_\_\_\_\_

***I verify that I have answered the above questions truthfully and accurately.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date/Time