



Adoption Policies

Choosing a Pet:

Congratulations on making the choice of adopting a companion animal. You are not only giving an animal a second chance at a forever home, but you are also making a difference in preventing pet overpopulation and exotic pet trade.

Your new companion will be depending on you for care and affection for the rest of their life. Please carefully consider the time and financial commitment involved in keeping your new companion healthy and happy. We may ask you to take a day to think about your decision, as it will affect your entire family.

You and your new companion will both need time to get to know each other. Animals often need time to adjust to their new environment. Please allow a minimum of 30 days for adjustment, and do not hesitate to contact Waterford Country School with any questions.

Waterford Country School believes pets should live inside the home with their families. All pets need a loving, secure home with proper food, water, shelter, exercise, medical care, companionship, and supervision.

Adoption Counseling:

Waterford Country School Experiential Education staff is available to assist you in selecting the right pet. We are also available to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your companion in the future. We encourage you to contact us for any assistance that you may need.

Post Adoption Information:

We recommend that all newly adopted animals visit your veterinarian within 2 weeks of adoption. All animals have received a check-up and any required treatment or vaccinations prior to adoption. As the caregivers of your new companion animal, and legal owner, it is your responsibility to provide any and all medical needs and expenses that occur after the adoption as been completed.

Adoption Requirements:

1. Valid driver's license or photo ID with your current address.
2. Adopters must be 18 years of age or older.
3. Verification of approval from your landlord or housing management company to bring a new pet into your home.
4. If you own your home, please provide proof of homeownership to our adoption staff. In an effort to match you with the best possible animal who fits your family's lifestyle, we may ask for the following: A. Child/animal interaction if the children living in your home are under 18 years old. B. Meet/greet with any other family members living in your home.
5. Completed Pre-adoption Questionnaire. The questionnaire and an interview are to ensure that each animal adopted will be matched with the most compatible new home.

General Policies:

1. Adoptions are by appointment only.
2. During the appointment we review any medical or behavioral information about the animal and answer any questions you may have concerning your new animal. At this time the adoption fee is collected.
3. Waterford Country School reserves the right to refuse an adoption for any reason.
4. Completion and submission of the Pre-adoption Questionnaire authorizes Waterford Country School to call references.

5. Waterford Country School is committed to assuring permanent homes for animals that are adopted, so if at any time you are no longer able to care for your animal, contact us, and we will welcome the animal back into the rescue program. Please under no circumstances consider releasing the animal into the wild as an option should you for some reason no longer be able to keep the animal you have adopted.

Fees: Cash – MasterCard – VISA

Birds

Finches: \$5
Parakeets: \$15
Lovebirds (in pairs): \$20 each
Cockatiels: \$35
Parrots: \$100

Small Animals

Hamsters, Mice, Rats, Guinea Pigs: \$10
Rabbits: \$30
Ferrets: \$75
Chinchillas: \$80
Sugar Gliders: \$100 or \$180 for a pair

Reptiles

Iguanas: \$50
Snakes: \$100
Red-Eared Sliders: \$45

Your adoption benefits package includes the following items:

1. An adoption consultation with our staff.
2. Small supply of food.
3. Pet care information.
4. A medical records, including treatment for problems that have been discovered during the exam.