

## Adoption Guidelines

### City of Rocky Mount Animal Shelter

1. All total animals in the home over two dogs and/or two cats must have an animal permit.
2. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
3. All applicants shall have a valid picture I. D.
4. All adopters shall receive ample income from legal means to care for the animal.
5. All animals shall receive any inoculations required by law.
6. All dogs shall be listed on county property taxes as required by law.
7. The adopter, whether a City of Rocky Mount resident or not, shall familiarize themselves with all their local ordinances, state statutes, or federal laws pertaining to their animals.
8. The adopter shall pay the adoption fee of \$45.00 by check or cash at the time of adoption.
9. Within 30 days: all shots including rabies must be obtained and proof of such shall be mailed to the Animal Shelter, unless the shot record is known, if the animal is a male or female, the adopter must sign a written agreement guaranteeing that such animal will be sterilized within 30 days or in minimum show proof a sterilization surgery has been scheduled due the veterinarian being booked up. You must further understand that the City of Rocky Mount does not warrant ANY animal, as their background is often unknown to us. Any required, or optional medical exams or treatment desired by the adopting party is the sole responsibility of the adopter.
10. **At NO time can anyone adopt an animal for someone else.** (This does not pertain to parents adopting animals for their children as long as they are aware they are responsible for the animal and not their child.)
11. **NO PERSON WHO IS SUSPECTED OF BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS CAN ADOPT.**
12. **NO PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF DOGFIGHTING, ANIMAL CRUELTY, ASSAULT, OR ANY TYPE OF HATE CRIME CAN ADOPT!**
13. All Pit Bull Dog adoptions will have a **minimum 24 hour** waiting period prior to approval.
14. The Rocky Mount Animal Shelter reserves the right to deny any person who does not meet the RMAS's specified adoption policies or is found to have a history of neglect or omission causing some type of unjustifiable suffering or pain to an animal.

I agree to abide by all conditions as set out above, and verify that all information given is accurate, any information that is false, deceptive, fabricated, or forged will result in civil/criminal consequences.

Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ACO: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Event #: \_\_\_\_\_