



# KAPS Adoption Policy

## **Purpose**

The goal of our adoption program is to find suitable permanent homes for healthy and adjusted animals.

## **Risks**

KAPS cannot 100% guarantee the health or temperament of any animal and therefore any adoption comes with some risk. Please consider the following.

- The adopted animal could destroy personal items.
- Persons or other household animals could catch a disease or parasite from the adopted animal.
- Persons or other household animals could be injured by the adopted animal.
- The adopted animal may die prematurely.

## **Adoption Application**

1. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and all members of the household and landowner must be consenting to adopting an animal. We may request signed permission from all interested parties. KAPS maintains the right to refuse applicants deemed, in our professional opinion, not fit to adopt.
2. After successfully completing the application form, we request potential adopters visit our shelters 1 – 2 times for an animal meet before beginning the 1-month trial period. During the 1-month trial period, the animal will remain property of KAPS and KAPS staff will maintain regular contact.
3. If you wish you adopt the animal after completing the trial period, applicants sign a contract and pay the adoption fee. This process transfers ownership from KAPS to yourself.
4. You will receive a copy of the contract and, if the animal possesses one, a copy of the animal's medical history. We ask adopters to take their new pet to their chosen veterinary clinic within 7 days of adoption for a general checkup and also to provide a copy of the animal's medical history to the veterinary clinic.

## **Animal Eligibility for Adoption**

1. Animals in good health or have illness treatable with reasonable intervention and time are available for adoption.
2. All KAPS animals will be neutered/spayed and receive all necessary vaccinations prior to adoption. Alternately, adopters may sign an adoption contract including the terms that adopters will neuter/spay the animal once it reaches a weight of 2kg and vaccine once the animal returns to full health.
3. Animals with severe medical problems and/or severe behaviour problems are not eligible for adoption.



### Post Adoption

1. KAPS requests adopters to occasionally contact us and update us on your newly adopted animal's welfare. We care greatly for our animals and wish to see them blossom in their new home.
2. If adopters are experiencing difficulty training their cat or dog or are concerned for their health, we strongly encourage you to contact us on 053 622 3588 (2 – 5PM weekdays). Our experienced staff can provide you with a wealth of knowledge and assist yourself and the animal in adapting to your new life together.
3. As included in the adoption contract, cats and dogs will not be subjected to unnecessary cosmetic surgery including but not limited to de-clawing, tail-docking, ear-cropping, vocal cord clipping or tendonectomy.
4. If an owner wishes to surrender an animal adopted from KAPS, they may not adopt the animal to another person. Any person interested in adoption must go through KAPS' adoption process. If there are no interested persons, you will return the animal to KAPS shelters at your own travel expense.
5. Adoption fees will not be refunded.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to and abide by Korean Animal Protection Society's (KAPS) policies and procedures.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

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