

## **Popular Pet Policy**

From time to time, the Rockingham-Harrisonburg SPCA receives pets that we will refer to as “popular pets”. These animals generate a lot of interest from the public and a flurry of applications. To prevent potential adopters from becoming upset and disappointed, we have implemented the following guidelines to handle these types of pets.

We will collect all interested parties screening forms and verify all information. Each application will be dated and time of application will be noted. Consideration will be given to **all factors** in making a ‘most appropriate’ adoption decision for the particular pet.

The day before the pet becomes available, the **first approved, most appropriate applicant** will be contacted and advised.

The approved applicant must arrive at the shelter **by 10 a.m., on the adoption day** to socialize with the pet and determine if indeed the pet is appropriate for their home. If all parties are in agreement, an adoption contract will be executed.

If the first approved, most appropriate applicant changes their mind and does not want to adopt the pet, the second approved applicant will be notified immediately and given a **reasonable length of time** to arrive at the shelter to socialize with the pet.

The Rockingham-Harrisonburg SPCA reserves the right to **not** place any pet available for adoption if the pet is deemed to be **inappropriate for re-homing**. If such circumstances occur, you will be contacted and advised of the status of the pet.