



**A privately-funded, all-volunteer,
animal rescue organization**

Congratulations on your new pet! Frequently Asked Questions:

- CSC makes every effort to vaccinate for disease and treat for known parasites; however, some problems may take weeks to surface and we are not able to test for everything. When your adoption is final, it still may take a few weeks for your records to arrive. Once you have received the records, we strongly urge you to schedule your new pet for a new animal checkup.
- Your new pet may have been exposed to “Kennel Cough”, which is similar to human colds. Our animals are vaccinated for this, but may be exposed before vaccination is possible. Indications of Kennel Cough may include: runny eyes, snotty/runny nose, a cough or hacking noise, and lethargy. If you feel your animal does have Kennel Cough and it has not improved within 7 days, a round of antibiotics may be necessary to speed its recovery.
- Your new pet may have been exposed to worms/intestinal parasites; in fact, most puppies and kittens are born with them. While not pleasant to think about, most are taken care of easily by oral medications. The most common symptom is loose stools that may include water or blood. (Please be aware that any change in diet or wet food also may affect your animal’s stool.)
- For dogs, we **require** (as per our adoption contract) Heartgard or Interceptor (or similar prescription product) be given every month for all dogs older than 6 months to prevent heartworms. Heartworms left untreated can prove fatal. Treatment for heartworms once infected, is extremely expensive, and can also end in death. Heartgard can be purchased from your vet and is relatively inexpensive.
- We recommend Frontline or Advantage (or similar product) every month for all animals to prevent flea and tick infestation of your new pet and your home. This can be purchased at your vet, or in many cases, online at a substantial savings.
- Your new animal has a microchip. Be sure to register the microchip when you receive it with your vet records! Should you and your pet ever become separated for whatever reason, this provides proof of ownership and provides the fastest and easiest way for you to be reunited. We also recommend engraving pet tags with your address & contact info. for your pet’s collar.
- For many reasons including reduced stools and a healthier coat and skin, we recommend you feed your new pet a high-quality, dry kibble. Foods with the first ingredient of protein rather than wheat or corn are recommended. Also avoid artificial colors. Your CSC volunteer will be glad to find out what food your pet has been eating, and then discuss appropriate food choices.
- When you get your new pet home, there will be a period of adjustment. Young animals tend to adjust to new environments much more quickly than older ones. There are also many variables that will affect how long this will take, such as other pets, children, strange noises, things left out that look good to eat but are dangerous/deadly, etc. Animals love and expect a routine. Feed the same times every day, walk/exercise the same time everyday, bedtime the same time everyday, etc. Please feel free to discuss with a CSC volunteer how to make the adjustment period easy for both you and your pet and be patient as your animal adjusts to his/her new home!