



Dog Adoption Guide

The Belleville Area Humane Society strives to improve the lives of homeless animals in our community through adoption, humane education, and community outreach.

Congratulations on your new family member!

From all of us at the Belleville Area Humane Society,
THANK YOU!!

While in our care, each animal is provided with heartworm treatment and prevention, microchip identification, all vaccinations, and spaying or neutering. But most importantly, we offer a safe and loving haven until they find their forever homes.

If you have any questions please contact us at (618) 235-3712 ext. 0

Rescue animals aren't broken. They've simply experienced more life than other animals.

If they were human, we would call them wise.

They would be the ones with tales to tell and stories to write; the ones dealt a bad hand who responded with courage.

Don't pity them.

Do something.

Help rescue.

Donate.

Volunteer.

Foster.

Adopt.

Most of all, **be proud to have their greatness by your side!**



Dog Adoption 101

TIPS FOR DOG OWNERS

HOME SWEET HOME

Your new roommate will need supplies! Help create a dog paradise for your canine friend.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED



2 bowls for food and water; each dog in your home should have their own bowl and they should be fed seperately



a sturdy crate and/or kennel to help prevent accidents



toys to help exercise and stimulate



a dog bed, pillow, or blanket

IT'S POTTY TIME

- Expect accidents while your new dog adjusts to your home and schedule.
- Crate initially to help prevent accidents and destructive behavior.
- If you're having trouble with marking, purchase a belly band.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Set up training with a certified dog trainer to put you and your pet on the right track.

MAKING FRIENDS

INTRODUCING YOUR DOG TO KIDS AND OTHER PETS

- Supervision is a *must*.
- Make sure children are respectful of the dog and approach him or her calmly and gently.
- Your home is your pet's territory--introduce new dogs slowly.
- Keep a leash on the dog at first.
- Teach all dogs in the house boundaries.



LIKE CLOCKWORK

Put your new dog on a routine to help them acclimate. Your home is a new environment and they will need to learn the rules and routine from you.

LET'S PLAY

Dogs need to stretch their legs to keep their minds and bodies healthy. This is especially important for young dogs and more active breeds. Yard time, runs or walks, fetch, and other games are important for healthy canine living.

YOUR DOG IS A LIVING CREATURE WITH NEEDS LIKE YOU AND ME. BE FLEXIBLE AND PATIENT WHILE YOU BOTH ADJUST TO YOUR NEW LIFE TOGETHER.

Welcoming Your New Dog Home

DO:

- Immediately take your dog outside and show them where you want them to go potty.
- Take your dog to the designated potty area, once an hour, every hour.
- Confine your dog to a small area (kennel or room) whenever you're not home.
- Provide appropriate chew toys to keep them busy and help prevent chewing on unwanted items.
- Introduce your pet to new people slowly so they aren't overwhelmed. Use food or treats so they associate new people with good things.

DO NOT:

- Allow your dog to run off leash in public
- Allow your new pet free roam of your house right away.

Your new dog can be a wonderful companion for years to come. It's important to recognize that first impressions are often lasting ones. If you follow these simple guidelines, your dog's transition into your home will be easier for you and your new best friend.

Please keep in mind that it will take some dogs longer to adjust to your home environment.

Teach the rules from the beginning.

When you first bring your dog home, they may be a little confused and unsure of the new living situation. Even though your home is undoubtedly more comfortable than the shelter, it is different, and that can make it stressful.

It's important to remember that dogs do not speak our language and will best understand your expectations through training. Your instinct may be to give your new best friend a few days to unwind and adjust before imposing rules and restrictions. While you mean well, this delay in training has the potential to be both frustrating and damaging.

From the start, it's crucial to convey your expectations to the dog and this will allow for easier training. If you do this, your dog can succeed in learning the house rules from the beginning.

Try not to overwhelm your new dog with too much activity during this initial adjustment period.

Although you may want to show your new pet to all your friends and family, it is best for your dog to spend the first couple of weeks quietly settling in, getting to know you and your family, and adjusting to your home environment.

Limit introductions to just a few visitors at a time, this will allow your pet time to adjust.

Keep your new dog confined or supervised at all times.

During this initial period, you should confine your dog to a crate or small room when your not home to protect against chew on inappropriate items or harming themselves. Provide appropriate items for your dog to chew on in your absence.

Foods that are Toxic to Dogs:

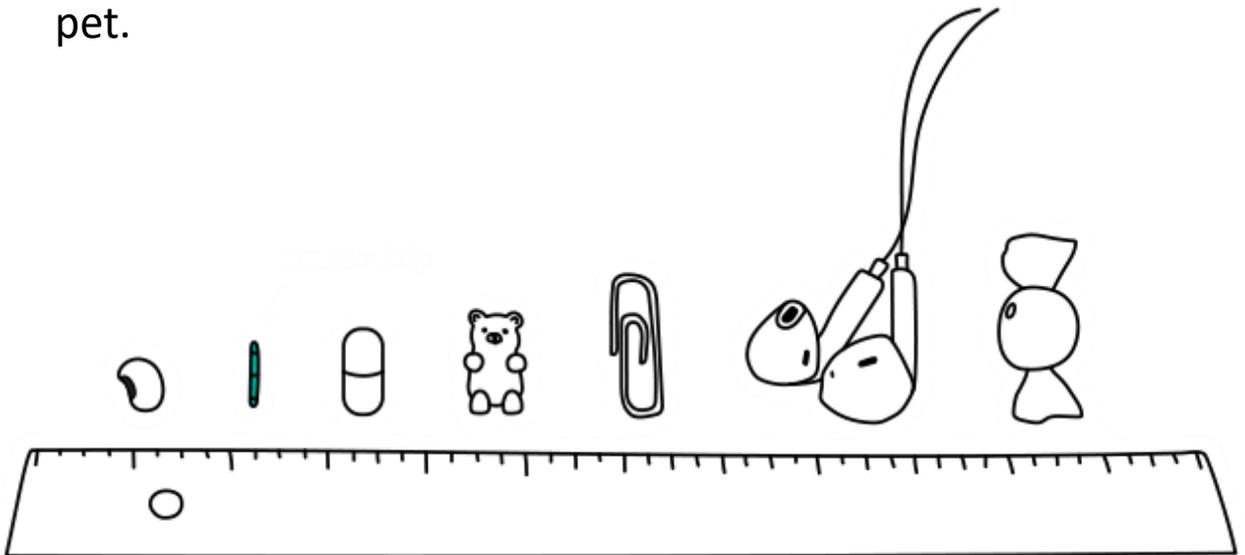
ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center: 1-888-426-4435 or 1-900-443-0000

- Alcohol, even in small amounts.
- Avocado- contains persin, mildly toxic but deadly to other animals.
- Baby food (can contain onion powder)
- Bones from fish or chicken- can cause obstruction or laceration of digestive system.
- Bread dough- can expand causing gas and obstruction
- Broccoli (in large amounts)
- Candy or other foods containing xylitol, an artificial sweetener
- Canned soups, may contain onion
- Chocolate- BEWARE: a dog who has eaten a large quantity may seem okay but can become quickly sick within 24 hours
- Cigarettes, cigars, tobacco
- Citrus Oil
- Coffee, coffee grounds, beans and tea (caffeine)
- Nutmeg
- Nuts (macadamia and walnuts)
- Onion (includes onion powder, onion salt, onion flavorings)
- Salt
- Tuna
- Turkey Skin
- Voltarin (arthritis medication)

- BAHS implants the microchip between your pet's shoulders just under the skin. We register the microchip to you! ←

You only need to create an account to update your personal information if necessary. Visit found.org/start

- If a pet is lost and then found and brought to any authority, the microchip is scanned and the owner's information is retrieved.
- FoundAnimals acts as a third party and notifies the owner in order to reunite them with their pet.



Microchip Companies

- Here at BAHS we use: Found Animals Registry, foundanimals.org/microchip-register
- AAHA Universal Pet Microchip lookup: petmicrochiplookup.org

24 Pet Watch	866-597-2424
AVID	800-336-2843
AKC	800-252-7894
Banfield	888-466-3242
Bayer ResQ	800-633-3796
Home Again	888-466-3242

Common Misconceptions:

- Microchip is not a GPS, it cannot track your pet in real time.
- Microchip must be scanned with a reader in person in order to identify pet.
- FoundAnimals does not give out owner information.

Lost your pet?

- Call and make a lost animal report to the following:
 - St. Clair County Animal Control- (618) 235- 0585
 - www.co.st-clair.il.us/departments/animalservices/pages/strays.aspx
 - Your local police department.
- Search social media sites, such as Facebook.
- Pages set up for Lost and Found Animals include:
 - Illinois Lost Dogs (also on Craigslist)
 - Illinois Lost Cats
 - Lost or Missing Pets of Belleville
 - Lost or Missing Dogs of St. Clair County
 - St. Clair County Animal Welfare Advocates

Steps to Help Bring your Lost Pet Home

- Put out food, water, animal's bedding, and an article of your clothing at the location of where your animal was last seen.
- Spread the word by using flyers and signs with a picture of your animal and your contact information listed.
- Check your phone often!
- Instruct everyone helping you to NOT call or chase your animal. If someone else sees your animal, tell them to sit or lay down while avoiding eye contact, and gently toss out a treat to lure them in.

Preparing for an emergency:

Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival, particularly food and water.

- Food- keep at least 3 days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.
- Water- store at least 3 days of water specifically for your pets, in addition to the water you need for yourself and your family.
- Medicines and medical records- keep an extra supply of meds your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container.
- First aid kit- talk to your vet about what is most appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs. Most kits should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution.
- Collar with ID tag, harness, leash- your pet should wear a collar with its rabies tag and identification at all times. Include a backup leash, collar and ID tag in your pet's emergency supply kit.
- Important documents- place copies of your pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents and medical records in a clean plastic bag or waterproof container and also add them to your kit.
- Crate or other pet carrier- if you need to evacuate in an emergency situation, take your animals with you, provided it is practical to do so.
- Sanitation- include pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers paper towels, plastic trash bags, and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs. You can use bleach as a disinfectant (dilute nine parts water to one part bleach), or in an emergency you can use it to purify water (8 drops of regular household bleach per gallon of water, stir well and let it stand for 30 minutes before use.)
- A picture of you and your pet together- if you and your pet become separated, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet. Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color, and distinguishing characteristics.
- Familiar items- put favorite toys, treats or bedding in your kit. Familiar items can help reduce stress for your pet.

For Assistance:

- **Big Heart Fund**- for pets with heart disease and sudden and unexpected hardship.
- **Brown Dog Foundation**- bridging the gap between the cost of medical care and saving the family pet.
- **Canine Cancer Awareness**- helps fund treatment when the family cannot afford it.
- **Care Credit**- financing plans.
- **Diabetic Cats in Need**- supports diabetic cats in original, adoptive, shelter and rescue homes.
- **God's Creatures Ministry**- Vet Charity Fund (max \$50).
- **Handicapped Pets Foundation**- provides wheelchairs for disabled pets (rear only, not front).
- **Joshua Louis Animal Cancer Foundation**- helps pay for animal cancer treatment.
- **Keep Your Pet**- helps with heart disease, cancer and disabled pets.
- **Magic Bullet Fund**- "Fighting canine cancer, one dog at a time."

Trainers

- BelleCity Kennel Club- (618) 233-9622
- Canine Companions- (618) 656-7664
- Country Estate Kennel- (618) 632-8008
- Four Paws- (618) 670-9000
- Kranky K-9's- (618) 322-7899
- Helping Hounds Dog Training- (618) 213-6659

Boarding and Daycare

All Paws Inn Pet Resort	(618) 233-7297
Best Friends Animal Hosp & Pet Resort	(618) 222-9860
Camp Bow-Wow	(618) 234-9247
Cats Only Resort & Spa	(618) 416-2387
Cindy's Critter Camp	(618) 344-4096
Country Estate Kennels	(618) 632-8008
Dog Day Afternoon	(618) 233-0060
Four Paws	(618) 632-4615
Hillcrest Kennels	(618) 233-3406
Kennelwood Pet Resort	(618) 628-3093
LaBeast Pet Resort	(618) 391- 9155
Lucky Dog Barks & Recreation	(618) 277-2275
Spencer Kennels	(618) 632-7387
Zany Dogs Boarding & Daycare	(618) 588-9269

Local Veterinarians:

- All About Pets (O'Fallon)
(618) 628-1560
- AnRus Vet Clinic (Freeburg)
(618) 539-3444
- Belleville Animal Clinic (Belleville)
(618) 233-5720
- Baer's Animal Clinic (Trenton)
(618) 224-7051
- Banfield (O'Fallon)
(618) 624-2555
- Bellson Animal Hospital (Columbia)
(618) 281-5100
- Bethalto Animal Clinic (Bethalto)
(618) 377-2139
- Best Friends (Swansea)
(618) 222-9860
- Carey's Pet Hospital (Swansea)
(618) 233-4188
- Collinsville Animal E.R. (Collinsville)
(618) 346-1843
- Columbia Animal Hospital
(Columbia)
(618) 281-7161
- Davis Pet Hospital (Collinsville)
(618) 344-2097
- Four Paws Animal Hospital (O'Fallon)
(618) 632- 4615
- Freeburg Animal Hospital (Freeburg)
(618) 539-5400
- Fairview Heights Animal Clinic
(Fairview Heights)
(618) 398-1530

Local Veterinarians (cont.)

- Hawthorne Animal Hospital (Glen Carbon)
(618) 288-3971
- Hillside Pet Clinic (Collinsville)
(618) 505-4468
- Hoof & Paw (Belleville)
(618) 233-2800
- Horseshoe Lake Animal Hospital (Collinsville)
(618) 344-7949
- Johnson's Veterinary Care (New Baden)
(618) 588-2600
- Lashley Animal Hospital (Swansea)
(618) 234-4584
- Mon-Clair (Millstadt)
(618) 476-3786
- Mascoutah Clinic (Mascoutah)
(618) 566-2239
- Mueller Vet Services (Columbia)
(618) 939-6188