# SYDNEY DOGS & CATS HOME

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## **DISCLAIMERS**

### THE THREE-WEEK ADOPTION TRIAL

SDCH does not encourage returning adopted animals, however we do acknowledge that there may be unique circumstance where an animal needs to come back into our care. The three-week adoption trial allows adopters and SDCH, time to ensure the home is the right fit. If an animal does need to be returned after discussions with SDCH, the adoption fee will be reimbursed minus a \$78 administration fee.

If during the trial period, SDCH has any concerns regarding the welfare of the animal, they may direct you to bring the animal back.

If there are any concerns while you have your adopted animal, please contact SDCH on **(02)** 9587 9611, or email info@sdch.org.au.

#### **BEHAVIOUR**

SDCH cannot guarantee the behavioural traits of the animal in its new home. Behavioural observations by SDCH, are based on behaviours in a shelter environment and in foster care, however these may not reflect the animal's behaviour in a new adoptive home.

While we work hard to support and train our animals, SDCH cannot guarantee that the animal will not injure a person or animal if they are put into a stressful, fear-inducing or distressing situation. The animal should always be under the owners' control and the owner is responsible for the actions of the animal.

SDCH cannot guarantee the safety of the animal around other animals including the adopters existing pets. It is the responsibility of the new owner to ensure interactions between the adopted animal and any other animal are supervised and injuries to any animal are prevented.

SDCH recommends the services of a qualified, force-free animal behaviourist be obtained, such as our Behaviour Services, to assist with the transition of the animal into the new home.

www.sydneydogsandcatshome.org/pawsitive-behaviour-consultation/

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#### **MEDICAL**

All our animals are examined by a veterinarian, health assessed, flea and worm treated, desexed, microchipped, vaccinated, heartworm tested (for dogs over 6 months old) and FIV tested (for cats over 6 months old).

Animals in a shelter environment may be exposed to and treated for numerous disease such as (but not exclusive of), Giardia, Cat Flu and worms.

Pre-existing health issues directly related to the shelter environment requiring treatment within the 3 weeks adoption trial period, will be assessed and treated by the Sydney Dogs and Cats Home veterinarian at no charge.

It is important you take your animal to a be checked by a vet once per year.

If the animal requires desexing, the animal will remain the property of SDCH and adoption will not be finalised until they are desexed and/or proof is provided to SDCH. All adopted animals are desexed at the SDCH clinic and desexing is included in the standard adoption fee. If the animal is desexed at an external clinic, the cost will not be covered by SDCH.

Regardless of desexing status, after the adoption date, ongoing vaccinations, flea and worming treatments, and the management of any new health concerns will be at the adopter's cost.

To book an appointment with the SDCH veterinary clinic, please contact <a href="mailto:vet@sdch.org.au">vet@sdch.org.au</a>.

### **LONG-TERM CARE**

The adopter's details will be added on the animal's microchip in the NSW Companion Animal Register. If contact details change, it is the responsibility of the owner to ensure details are updated on the NSW Companion Animal Register. SDCH recommends establishing a NSW Pet Registry account, to easily update contact details as needed.



