

## Adoption Process

The adoption fee is a donation to help cover the cost of care for the animals. The fee is a minimum of \$100 but may be more if the animal required additional medical or surgical treatment. This fee may be paid for in cash, by check or money order.

ARF finds homes for healthy adult and juvenile dogs and cats that have shown no aggressive tendencies. Animals are placed with adults of legal age (21 years) who are living permanently in their communities. Georgia law requires that all animals adopted from shelters be spayed and neutered. ARF insures 100 percent compliance by spaying or neutering all cats and dogs prior to or at the time of adoption.

### Preparing to bring home your new friend

When you come to ARF to look for a new friend, be prepared to go home with him that day.

- Bring a collar and leash for a puppy or dog or a pet taxi for a kitten or cat.
- If you rent, bring a copy of your rental agreement that states you are allowed to have a pet.

*ARF wants the adoption experience to be a positive one for you and your new pet. Please take the time to carefully consider the responsibility you are undertaking. When you adopt a pet, you are accepting a 10-20 year responsibility and substantial financial commitment.*

*These charts compare the average veterinary charges of those services covered by ARF's adoption fee. New owners are encouraged to take their pet for a vet visit as soon as possible to establish a good relationship.*

#### Cost Comparison Chart for a Dog

Service	Routine cost	ARF
Exam	\$30	Included
First Vaccinations	\$25*	Included
Deworm	\$10-30	Included
Heartworm test > 6 months old	\$20	Included
Spay/Neuter	\$85-150	Included
Total	\$170- 255	\$100

\* Many puppies stay at ARF long enough to receive more than the initial set of vaccinations.

**ARF is still there for you after you adopt. Call or email with any questions or concerns: we can help!**

#### Cost Comparison Chart for a Cat

Service	Routine cost	ARF
Exam	\$30	Included
First Vaccinations	\$25*	Included
Deworm	\$6-20	Included
FeLV/FIV test	\$30	Included
Spay/neuter	\$85-150	Included
Total	\$173-255	\$100

\* Many kittens stay at ARF long enough to receive more than the initial set of vaccinations.

- **Deworming** – a dewormer is given to all animals. This dewormer is for roundworms, hookworms and tapeworms.
- **Dog/Puppy Vaccinations** – All dogs and puppies receive these vaccines upon arrival to ARF. Based on the age of the puppy and length of stay at ARF, the puppy schedule will continue until completed or adopted.
- **Heartworm testing and Treatment** – all dogs over 6 months of age have been tested for heartworms. Most tested negative. Those who have tested positive are being treated or have completed their treatment. In most cases, we will ask that you share the treatment costs with ARF.
- **Heartworm Prevention** – Starting at 5 months of age, all puppies and dogs receive heartworm prevention every month. You will be responsible for continuing this much needed care.
- **Cat/Kitten Testing** – All kittens and cats available for adoption are negative at the time of testing for feline leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV).
- **Cat/Kitten Vaccinations** - All cats and kittens receive these vaccines after testing upon arrival to ARF. Based on the age of the kitten and length of stay at ARF, the kitten vaccination schedule will continue until completed or adopted.
- **Rabies Vaccination** – this vaccination is part of your adoption fee. Based on the age of the animal you adopt or the age the pet was spayed or neutered, some of these animals have already been vaccinated for rabies. You will need to make arrangements with the veterinary clinic to pick up your new pet's rabies tag and certificate. State law requires that all cats and dogs 12 weeks of age and older be vaccinated for rabies.
- **Obedience Training** – We begin teaching dogs and puppies how to sit, down & begin to walk on a leash shortly after their arrival at ARF.

## Consider before adopting a pet...

- Your lifestyle will change once you adopt a pet.
- An older pet may be the best choice for you and your busy family.
- A puppy needs to be housetrained which requires your time and patience.
- All animals shed, even those that claim 'not to shed'. It's natural.
- Make sure this is a family decision so everyone will enjoy this new companion.
- If anyone in your family has allergies or asthma, consult your doctor before adopting a pet.
- If you have other pets, it's important that all of your pets be current on vaccinations.
- Don't expect instant love between your current pets and new pets. A proper introduction is essential.
- If you want to adopt a dog and have a dog at home already, bring your dog in for his opinion.
- Check with your county Animal Control Office about Animal Control Ordinances.
- Do you know who will provide for your pet when you go on vacation?
- Puppies and kittens will be teething until they are about 8 months old. They will need proper chew toys that are not your furniture, shoes or fingers.

**Be Informed  
Be Responsible**

## HOURS

**The Pet Adoption Center**  
711 S. Wilkinson St.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

**Adoption Hours**  
Monday, Thursday - Saturday  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Closed**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday**



**Visit us on the web**  
<http://animalrescuefoundation.org>

Visit the ARF website for up to date information on adoptable pets, fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, donation requests and ARF events.

Other information on the site includes highlights of the latest newsletter, disaster information, and links to other animal related sites.

# Adoptions

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You  
Should  
Know**

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