



ADOPTION FEES

We know that you can't put a price on love, but like many shelters, we have adoption fees to help our pets in two ways. First, adoption fees give as many pets as possible the best chance of finding a new home as quickly as possible. Many people want to adopt a puppy or a kitten, but we have thousands of adult pets who also need a loving home. By charging a higher fee for younger pets and a lower fee—or sometimes no fee—for older pets, we level the playing field and give the adults a fighting chance to find their forever homes.

The other reason for adoption fees is to help offset the cost of caring for our community's most vulnerable pets. The Arizona Humane Society cares for more than 15,000 pets each year. On average, it costs over \$1,300 to care **for each pet we take in. And because we're a local nonprofit that doesn't receive support from the government or other humane societies, adoption fees allow** us to continue to provide the pets in our community with much-needed care. Our adoption fees include the pet's spay or neuter surgery, microchip, current vaccinations, a free follow-up exam with VCA Animal Hospitals, and our 100% adoption guarantee—and of course, a great new family member.