

## **Pre-Adoption Checklist**

### **Step 1 The application process:**

I have submitted a pet adoption application

I have the adoption fee

### **IF I am a renter:**

I have a copy of my pet agreement from my landlord

I have a copy of my pet deposit

I have a signed statement from my landlord regarding pet restrictions

**Note: I must present copies of items listed above at my initial visitation to the shelter.**

### **Step 2 Choosing my pet**

I have researched about breed, size and characteristics of my pet choice

I have spent at least an hour with my pet choice

I have included my entire family during visitation ( if applicable)

I have brought my current dogs or cats for getting acquainted ( if applicable)

### **Step 3 Preparing your home:**

I have created a place for my pet to sleep

I have decided to crate train and have purchased the correct size crate

I have food for my new pet

I have food and water bowls designated for my new pet

### **Step 4 Prepared for outdoor activity:**

I have a fenced in yard ( \_\_\_ height)

I have a dog pen ( \_\_\_ height \_\_\_ width)

I have installed a cable style runner

I intend to use a ground stake and chain

I will only take my pets out on a leash

**Step 5 Considered long term pet care:**

I have spayed and neutered my current pets

I want to have my pet's micro chipped

I have a current vet. ( \_\_\_\_\_ Name  
\_\_\_\_\_ phone #)

Here are a few local suggestions if you do not have a vet.

**McAllister's Veterinary Service (410-742-3935)**

**Johnson-Mckee Animal Hospital (410-749-9422)**

**Healing Hands Animal Hospital ( 410-742-4884)**

I have pre-enrolled my new pet for obedience classes

Here are a few local suggestions for obedience class

**Good Dog Pet Services (410-548-4439)**

**PetSmart (410-546-4822)**

**Salisbury Kennel Club (410-548-2110)**

I have considered the possibility of spending approximately \$2000 a year for food and pet care.

**Step 6 Checklist for bringing home my new addition:**

**Dogs:**

I have a collar

I have a leash

**Cats:**

I have a carrier

**Step 7 Picking up my new pet:**

I have presented copies of all necessary paperwork to the shelter

I have received my adoption packet from the shelter with instructions

\_\_\_ I have reviewed my pre-adoption checklist with a shelter staff member

(\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ date)

(\_\_\_\_\_ Staff members signature \_\_\_\_\_ date)