H.A.R.T.
Heartland Animal Rescue Team

Congratulations!

Thank you for choosing to adopt a shelter pet. Whether you are a new pet parent or a seasoned veteran, this is an exciting time for you and your new pet.

You have received lots of information and signed a variety of forms. Please take a quiet moment to review the adoption paperwork and please call with any questions. We are here to help make this a successful transition for both you and your new pet.

Thank you for adopting,
HART Staff

The information provided should not replace the advice of your family veterinarian or other animal professionals.

The 3-3-3 Guideline When Adopting a Shelter Pet

The 3 days, 3 weeks, 3 months Guidelines are just that – guidelines. Every pet will adjust a little differently. Outgoing animals might feel like the master of their new home after only a day or two; others may take six months or longer to build up their confidence and form strong bonds with their people. The things discussed here are what you can expect for an average pet, so don't worry if your new family member adjusts at a slightly different speed.

In the first 3 Days

May seem to hide all the time or watch from a distance, as they may be overwhelmed, scared or unsure of their new surroundings.

Most likely they will not be comfortable enough to show their true personality.

May not eat for the first couple of days, many animals don't eat when they are stressed.

May show different behavior than what you saw when you met them at the shelter. They adjusted to their shelter habitat, and your home is very different and new!

After 3 weeks

Starting to settle in and adjust to the routine.

Exploring their environment more. May engage in behavior like jumping on counters, scratching furniture, etc.. As they learn what boundaries exist and try to make themselves feel at home.

Starting to show more of their true personality, becoming more playful

Starting to trust you

After 3 months

Adjusting to the household routine and will expect meals at regular time.

Feeling confident that they belong in the home, playful and interested in toys and enrichment times.

A real bond is forming with you, which will continue to grow.

Each animal is unique and may not adjust exactly along this timeline! Building your bond and appreciating the nuances of personality are just two of the great joys of pet companionship!

Keeping Your Pet Safe

It is the responsibility of every pet parent to keep their pet safe and secure. Making sure you are aware of local and state ordinances, pertaining to the keeping of domestic animals, is one step in keeping your pet safe.

Outdoors

Pets should be supervised while outdoors. Should your pet be outside for an extended amount of time, fresh water should be provided, along with a shady place on hot days and warm place when it's cold out.

Car Rides

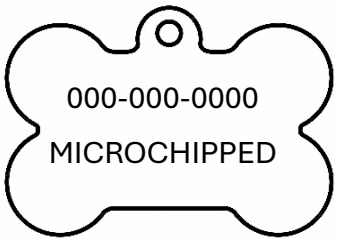
While taking your pet for a car ride may be something they enjoy, they should **NEVER** be left alone in a vehicle. Vehicles can reach extremely dangerous temperatures in both hot and cold weather.

Microchipping

Microchips are a great way to help you get reunited with your pet should they become lost. Animal shelters and veterinary offices can check pets for microchips. However, microchips only work if the registered information is up to date. If you move or change your phone number, remember to update your pet's microchip information.

Identification Tag

Having identification on a pet's collar or a tag attached, with your phone number, allows a finder to reach out to you.



If your pet is microchipped, consider adding 'Microchipped' to the tag.

Do Not Put Pet's Name on Collars or Tags. Why? Having the pet's name on the collar or tag gives the person who found your pet an opportunity to create a familiar bond with your pet, and this may result in the pet not being returned to you.

Where do I get an identification tag?

Identification tags are readily available at many stores and businesses. In the Brainerd and Baxter area, you can have a tag engraved while you wait at Brainerd Ace Hardware and PetSmart stores, check online for business that offer tag engraving. You can also order custom tags on the internet and have them shipped.

City Dog Licenses and Rabies Tags are helpful for reuniting a pet with its owner. However, city offices and most vet offices are not available in the evening or weekends, making it difficult for a finder to help locate the pet's owner.

Pet care in an emergency

One of the most important things you can do for your pet is to have a plan in place for someone to care for your pet if you cannot.

You should carry on your person (wallet, car keys and/or car glove box) something to let emergency personnel know you have a pet at home and who to contact in an emergency, should you be unable to do so.

You should plan for both emergency and long-term caregivers and having more than one option for both is important, in the event someone is unavailable to provide care. These people should have the ability to gain access to your home and be familiar with your pets.

In an Emergency

Emergency caregivers would be able to make sure your animals are safe, healthy, and comfortable for a few hours or days after an emergency. (ie: auto accident, hospitalization, etc.)

Long term care

Having a long-term care plan in place should the unthinkable happen, and you are no longer able to care for your pet, is something all pet parents should have in place. Talk with your family or trusted person and let them know what your wishes.

Help! My pet is missing, what do I do?

First, DO NOT PANIC.

Check your home inside and out. Many pets are located by looking in a closet, under and behind furniture or in bushes outside .

Does your pet enjoy treats? Shake the treat bag while calling out their name.

Car rides? Grab those keys and give them a jingle, while calling out for your pet.

I've looked everywhere, now what?

Get out there and walk around the neighborhood. You are the best person to find your pet. Even the friendliest pet can be scared and confused in a different environment.

Speak with your neighbors, ask if they have seen your pet. Give them your contact information and ask them to please let you know if they see your pet.

I've looked and looked, now what?

Contract your local animal shelter and see if the pet is there. Make a report of your missing pet. Reuniting you and your pet is their priority.

My pet is microchipped, what do I do?

Contact the registry company, make a lost pet report, this can be done by phone or internet.

Veterinary Care

Establishing a relationship with your pet's family doctor is of vital importance. Veterinary care is more than just for illness and emergencies. Regular visits for wellness and vaccinations allows your veterinarian to notice changes in your pet's health.

Take time to learn about the veterinary clinic you choose, a good repour and feeling is an important aspect of your pet's overall health. Do not be afraid to ask questions, you are your pet's voice.

Local Veterinarian Clinics

This is not a complete list of all veterinarians available.
HART makes no specific recommendations for veterinary care.

Animal Care Center
(218) 822-6000
6763 Foley Rd
Baxter

Brainerd Animal Hospital
(218) 829-5118
2720 Oak Street
Brainerd

Care Veterinary Clinic
(218) 546-7760
122 4th Street
Crosby

Country Doc Vet Clinic
(218) 587-4196
5508 Cty Rd 1
Pine River

Crosslake Vet Clinic
(218) 692-4400
32668 Cty Rd 3
Crosslake14752

Garrison Animal Hospital
(320) 692-4180
27264 Hwy 18
Garrison

Iron Range Vet Hospital
(218) 546-5470
21462 Glimer Rd
Crosby

Lakeland Vet Hospital
(218) 829-1709
7372 Woida Rd
Baxter

Living Waters Vet Clinic
(320) 244-7805
520 W Broadway Ave
Little Falls

McGregor Vet Clinic
(218) 768-7601
243 W Hwy 210
McGregor

Northern Hope Vet Care
(218) 746-4000
775 Buckskin Ave W
Pillager

Pequot Lakes Animal Hospital
(218) 568-5095
30286 Rasmussen Rd
Pequot Lakes

Pierz Veterinary Clinic
(218) 568-5095
105 2nd Ave NE
Pierz

Staples Veterinary Clinic
(218) 894-1775
1548 White Ave NE
Staples

Walker Animal Hospital
(218) 547-3222
306 8th Street S
Walker

Boarding & Grooming

Pine Shadows
(218) 829-4763
14752 3 Mile Road
Brainerd

Red Oaks Pet Inn
(218) 829-4736
209 SE 28th Street
Brainerd

Northwoods K9 Club
(218) 203-5484
1118 Air Park Dr
Aitkin

Northland Pet Lodge
(218) 692-4364
34420 County Rd 3
Crosslake

Northwoods K9 Club
(218) 203-5484
1118 Air Park Dr
Aitkin

Pet Empire
(218) 829-7297
7767 County Rd 45
Brainerd

Pampered Pets Boarding & Day Care
(218) 454-0835
8301 Industrial Park Rd
Baxter

Pampered Pets Grooming & Pet Wash
(218) 454-0835

Obedience & Training

Pampered Pets
(218) 454-0835
8301 Industrial Park Rd
Baxter

Full Tilt K9 Training
(218) 821-3210
12847 Alfalfa Ln SW
Pillager

Canine Connections (BKC)
canineconnectionbkc.com
5558 Pine Beach Rd
Brainerd

Franzen Dog Training
218-513-7442
13807 13th Ave SW
Pillager

Northwoods K9 Club
(218) 203-5484
1118 Air Park Dr
Aitkin

Aitkin

Northwoods K9 Club
(218) 203-5484
1118 Air Park Dr
Aitkin

Nose 2 Tail Dog Training
(218) 232-2170
5500 Sweet Rd
Brainerd

Carol Manley's
Canine Tutor
(218) 330-1693

4030 Pine Beach Rd
Brainerd

Donations

HART relies on the public's generous support to help us care for the animals entrusted to our care and there are several ways to help.

Monetary Donations

Monetary donations can be made in person at the shelter, mailed, by phone or on our website.

In-Kind Donations

HART accepts in-kind donations of items that can physically be of use at the shelter. However, sometimes we are overwhelmed by the amount and the contents of these donations. If you are unsure if an item can be accepted, please call and ask.

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Most Needed Items

Scoopable Cat Litter

Premium Pet Food
(in original bag)
Dog Cat Puppy & Kitten

Flea & Tick Preventatives

Heartworm Preventatives

Durable Pet Toys

Kongs Assorted Sizes

Stamps

Bleach

Dish Soap

Fabuloso

Laundry Soap

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Large Black Trash Bags

White Kitchen Bags
(13 gal)

8.5 x 11 copy paper

Other Items Accepted

Please call ahead to see if there currently is need for the following items

Non-Covered Cat Boxes

Canned Food

Pet Grooming Supplies

Towels

Cat Trees

Scratching Posts

Crates / Kennels

Pet Beds

We Cannot Use

Blankets / Bedding

Comforters / Pillows

Pet Clothing

Rawhide Treats

Large Rugs

Stuffed Animals

Please reverence the HART website for a full list of usable items and items we are unable to accept. Please observe this list as it is very costly to dispose of these items.