



## Welcome to the MHS family!

Thank you for opening your heart and home by adopting your pet from the Monadnock Humane Society (MHS). We want to help you start off on the right foot (and paw) with your new canine companion. You've made a commitment to your dog that will pay off in tons of love, licks, and loyalty for the rest of your canine companion's life!

Adopted animals will bring you as much love and joy as animals purchased directly from breeders, pet stores, or any other source. The best part is, they come with a lifelong promise that MHS will always be here to help you and your pets.

We do our best to ensure the pets adopted from MHS are healthy and happy. When a new dog arrives, we evaluate her health and temperament. By the time a dog is adopted, she has been tested for heartworm, and received initial vaccines against rabies,\* canine distemper, parvovirus, and bordetella (kennel cough). Dogs and cats of all ages are also spayed or neutered before adoption to help bring an end to the tragedy of unwanted pets in this country.

It is essential that you establish a relationship between your new pet and a veterinarian as soon as possible by scheduling a wellness examination for her. Even though we have attended to some of your new pet's health needs, this first vet visit is an opportunity for your veterinarian to get to know your pet and an opportunity for you to discuss preventive care with your veterinarian: routine vaccinations, parasite control and prevention, diet, exercise, and grooming. You can also ask about the availability of emergency vet care to be prepared for the future.

We hope this adoption packet will be a useful resource for you. More detailed information is available on many of the topics touched on here, be sure to ask if you have specific concerns or issues you'd like to address with us. If you have any questions about your pet's behavior or well-being, please call us at (603) 352-9011. We're here to help you and your pets.

Pawsitively,

Carol Armer, CEO  
MHS Staff, Volunteers, and Critters

P.S. We know that not all dogs are female, but to simplify things, in this adoption packet we will refer to your dog as a female.

\*Puppies must be at least 12 weeks old to get a rabies vaccination.

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