



Ridgefield Operation for Animal Rescue. Donofrio Family Animal Shelter . 45 South Street . Ridgefield, CT 06877.
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Adoption Procedure

Congratulations! You have made the decision to welcome a new family member into your home. Now, we would like to help you with the next step: finding that special someone!

Viewing our Adoptable Pets: Our adoptable dogs and cats can be viewed by visiting our website at www.roar-ridgefield.org. Once you've chosen the animal you believe is a good fit for your family, please call ROAR to schedule an appointment so you can meet the animal. We encourage one-on-one bonding to ensure the best possible match.

Adoption Policies:

- All adopters must be at least 21 years of age.
- Each application must be submitted for a specific animal.
- It takes up to **five business days** to process the application, depending on the availability of your references and veterinarian. We ask for your patience during this process as the time frame varies based on circumstances.

Adoption fees*:	Dogs: 2 mos. – 1 yr.	\$450
	1 yr. – 7 yrs.	\$400
	7+ yrs.	\$200
	Cats: 2 - 7 mos.	\$250
	7 mos. – 7 yrs.	\$225
	7+ yrs.	\$100

* Adoption fees are subject to change at anytime

Processing Complete: If your application is approved, you will receive a congratulatory call from our Adoption Coordinator. An approved application does not guarantee adoption of the specific pet you are interested in because we may receive multiple applications per animal.

Coming home! Once your application is approved, arrangements will be made to get your animal home to you. All cats or kittens are picked up at ROAR; unless other arrangements need to be made. For dogs and puppies, a home visit may be conducted

by ROAR; such as If you have a dog residing in your home or are a first-time dog adopter. This is **not** a home inspection, but an opportunity for you to see the new dog in your home and make sure that you and other furry and human members of the family are comfortable with the new addition. This is your opportunity to ask questions about how best to help your new dog transition into your home. If all goes well, the new dog will stay, and the adoption paperwork will be completed right then and there! Please note that *we do not hold animals*. Once your application has been approved, you must be available to welcome the animal into your home as soon as ROAR can schedule a pick-up appointment or a home visit. Please consider any and all vacations, trips, and/or family events that may delay your ability to have the animal come home.

Adoption follow up: ROAR may contact you shortly after adoption to see how you and your new pet are doing. We love receiving news and pictures of the animals we have sent home! If you have news to share, please do so at any time. We also love it when our adopters share on our Face Book page! The rescue organizations who provide our animals also enjoy hearing news of the animals they have helped, and we like to pass on any adoption news to them as well.

We are available to help address any issues that may arise once the animal is in your home. Many problems that arise within the first few days or weeks can be resolved if addressed promptly and appropriately.

We have a couple of programs that may be of interest to you:

- **Senior-for-Senior:** available for senior pets and humans, which allows senior pets to be adopted by senior citizens with adoption fees waived.
- **Pets for Patriots:** If you are a veteran, please visit <http://www.petsforpatriots.org> to learn more about the program, ROAR's participation as a shelter partner and benefits to the adopter.