

ADOPTING A SMALL ANIMAL FROM DANAHER ANIMAL HOME

Staff are here to ensure the animals find homes which suit their needs. Most animals in our care have not had the best start in life and may require special care or training. We will assess your experience and assist you in finding the right pet for your home.

Although we want our animals to start their new life with you as quickly as possible, our re-homing process can take a few weeks from start to finish. The process is as follows: –

- Fill in our Adoption questionnaire form in Reception.
- Have a look around our smalls barn and rabbit house and choose a small animal that is best suited to your level of experience.
- Inform Reception of the small animal you are interested in. They will radio a member of staff who will introduce you to them. You will have the opportunity to spend time with them, ask questions and make sure it is a suitable match. If everything goes well, you can place a Full Reserve on them.
 - Every person who lives permanently in the house where the animal will be staying will need to spend a reasonable amount of time with them before a Full Reserve can be placed.
- Once a Full Reserve has been placed on a small animal (apart from a rabbit, guinea pig or bird), you will either need to bring the accommodation or a photograph of the accommodation with you to enable us to check the following:
 - ✓ Size is suitable for the animal they are looking to adopt
 - ✓ The accommodation is secure
 - ✓ There is a suitable bedding area
 - ✓ They have somewhere for food and water that is easily accessible

If the accommodation provided is suitable we can arrange collection. If the accommodation isn't suitable, you can either arrange to visit another time with proof of improved accommodation or alternatively the reserve will be taken off the animal and the reserve process can go no further.

- Once a Full Reserve has been placed on a rabbit, guinea pig or bird, you will be put forward for a home check. Everyone adopting an animal through the centre is subject to a home check under RSPCA Policy, to ensure your home is suitable for your prospective new pet. A home checker will be in touch with you to arrange a time that is convenient to visit you. This can take up to 7-10 days after the Full Reserve has been placed, however we do try to complete this process as quickly as possible.
- The home checker will contact the centre and advise us of their visit. The home checker will advise if the animal's accommodation is ready, or we may be advised that work is needed to be carried out before their accommodation is 'pet-proof', or it might be that the accommodation is not suitable for the animal in question. The centre will contact you to discuss any points raised by the home checker if necessary or to arrange collection of your new pet.

PLEASE NOTE: You may not be able to collect until your pet has been neutered and medically signed off by our vet, if they have been on treatment during their time at the centre. We do allow some animals to be rehomed on treatment, but this is looked at on a case by case basis.

- When you come to collect your pet, you will need to bring a carrier with you to ensure you are able to transport your new pet home safely. We do sell them at the centre and the profit made comes back directly to this centre, to benefit the animals here.