



HOUSTON ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM, HART Spay & Neuter Policy

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Those that wish to adopt a dog through Houston Animal Rescue Team, HART must understand that we have guidelines that need to be met by the adopter. To qualify for adoption an applicant must pass an application review, home visit and phone interview

One of HART's goal is to educate the public on the overpopulation crisis and take a firm stand on the spay/neuter issue by requiring all dogs and cats in the household be spayed or neutered before we can approve an applicant to adopt one of our dogs. We realize that some people are unaware of the seriousness of homeless and unwanted pets and may have an unaltered animal. We also understand that some owners feel they are responsible, won't breed their pet, but prefer to keep their dog in a "whole" state for either personal reasons or "just not being aware" of the consequences of overpopulation. We determine "why" they have an unaltered animal, and if it is within our allowance guidelines, we will carefully discuss the situation, and if we find there are verifiable and justifiable reasons, we will approve the home for adoption (providing the rest of the application is approved.) If the applicant claims they are currently and actively showing their dog, we will ask for proof by showing us current entries in AKC sanctioned shows.