

# The PPAR Adoption Process

So you found an animal on our site and just fell in love?! Can't wait to get your new pet home? This process takes a little time and planning.

## 1st Step

The **MOST IMPORTANT STEP** to adopting or acquiring a new animal is making sure that the animal is right for you. Have you carefully considered all the questions in our [PROSPECTIVE OWNER QUESTIONARRE](#). Have you discussed with your family where you will be housing your new pet, who will be responsible for the care of the animal, explored ALL the needs and requirements your chosen species requires to be happy and healthy, exc...? Are you ready to commit 5-100 years to your pet!? Do you have a veterinarian experienced in the species you are interested in? PLEASE look at the list of [things you should consider before getting a pet](#) portion on our website.

## 2nd Step

Fill out the [Adoption Questionarre](#) and return it to PPAR **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. All animals are reserved for adoption on a first-come, first served basis and all prospective adoptive homes must complete this application to be considered for adoption from PPAR.

Also, if you are **looking for an animal not listed on our website**; please fill out the [Adoption Questionarre](#) specifying what kind of animal you are interested in adopting. We will only wait list persons who have completed the [adoption questionarre](#).

If you cannot use the form to submit your application, you can download it [HERE](#) and email or mail it to us snail mail.

## 3rd Step

PPAR will review your application and will contact you when they have completed their pre-screening via the methods chosen on the questionnaire. We try to respond within 3 business days of receiving applications, but we cannot guarantee that you will hear from us that quickly. If you have any questions about the status of your application, please contact us and we will let you know of the status of your application. Depending on your application, additional information may be requested by our staff to determine eligibility.

If you are turned down for adoption you will be notified as soon as determination has been made with the reason(s) why your adoption questionnaire was not accepted. To Appeal the Determination of Acceptability for Adoption you must write a letter (email or snail mail) addressed to the PPAR board **WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER DETERMINATION IS RECEIVED** stating why you feel you should be allowed to adopt from the rescue.

Our CEO/President reserves the right to refuse adoption regardless of the determination of the board at their discretion.

## 4th Step

PPAR Staff will contact you and arrange for you to visit the animal(s) you are interested in. The shelter runs on an appointment only basis and will work with you to find a time that is convenient for everyone. A shelter representative may either set up a time for you to come to the shelter or may schedule a home visit.

If you come to the shelter, you are welcome to bring along any other family members, friends or pets that will be interacting with the animal you are interested in. We encourage you to bring along any pet who will be sharing an enclosure with your new pet to make sure they get along.

Our staff will schedule you for a home visit to complete the application process and/or arrange for a time and place to unite you and your selected pet(s) with their new forever homes. Home checks are **MANDATORY** for all adoptive homes. Persons living over 75 miles from the shelter may be asked instead to complete additional paperwork, get letters of recommendation, send pictures of your home and where the animal will be housed, etc...

When you have selected an animal to adopt, the animal will be put on "**hold**" until the adoption process is complete. We will hold animals for a maximum of 5 business days unless other arrangements are made with the rescue staff.

## **LAST STEP!**

### **You can now bring your new pet(s) home!**

PPAR can work with you to meet you part-way if you are traveling from a far distance or have transportation issues. We also hope that you will stay in contact with us and let us know how your new pet(s) are adjusting to their new home. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS! We will work closely with you to help you and your new pet(s) adjust to each other and learn about all the wonderful reasons why PPAR exotic pets make wonderful forever friends!

PPAR usually will contact you a few days after you have brought your new pet(s) home to find out how you are doing. We will also contact you 3 months after adoption, 9 months after adoption and annually thereafter to see how your new pet is doing! We love pictures and want to hear of all your great experiences with your animals!

We hope this answers some of your questions about the adoption process.

Please contact us at [pocketpetsrescue@yahoo.com](mailto:pocketpetsrescue@yahoo.com) if you have any questions!