



# SAYV ANIMAL ORGANIZATION

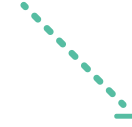
ADOPTION AND FOSTER-  
TO-ADOPT OVERVIEW

# SAYV ANIMAL ORGANIZATION ADOPTION AND FTA OVERVIEW



## STEP 1: You want to adopt

*Both scenarios below are "adopters"*



### Foster to adopt

- Required for animals that are not fully vetted (still need some medical care)
- Required by the SAYv team on a case-by-case basis for fully vetted animals
- Can take anywhere from a couple of weeks to a couple of months depending on vet appointments and scheduling
- For all intents and purposes, you are considered an "adopter" based on the content below (there is also some specific information for foster-to-adopters below)

### Adoption

- Only available for fully vetted animals
- Adoptions are usually processed within one to two weeks (sometimes getting the appropriate paperwork together can take a little time because there are only a handful of volunteers at SAYv)

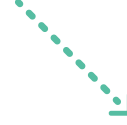
In both "foster to adopt" and "direct adoption" scenarios, you have to pay the full adoption fee when you receive the animal(s) within 24 hours max.

If you choose not to move forward with adoption while you are waiting for the adoption to be processed, please notify the SAYv team in your chat. We would greatly appreciate it if you'd be able to hold onto the animal(s) until we can find an alternative adopter or foster. **Otherwise, we have a minimum of 14 days to move an animal**, in the case of holidays, this time frame is 20 days. There are no exceptions. Additionally, this condition was also accepted when you submitted your application. We do not have a facility and we are a small volunteer-run organization. **Please be patient, understanding and kind.**

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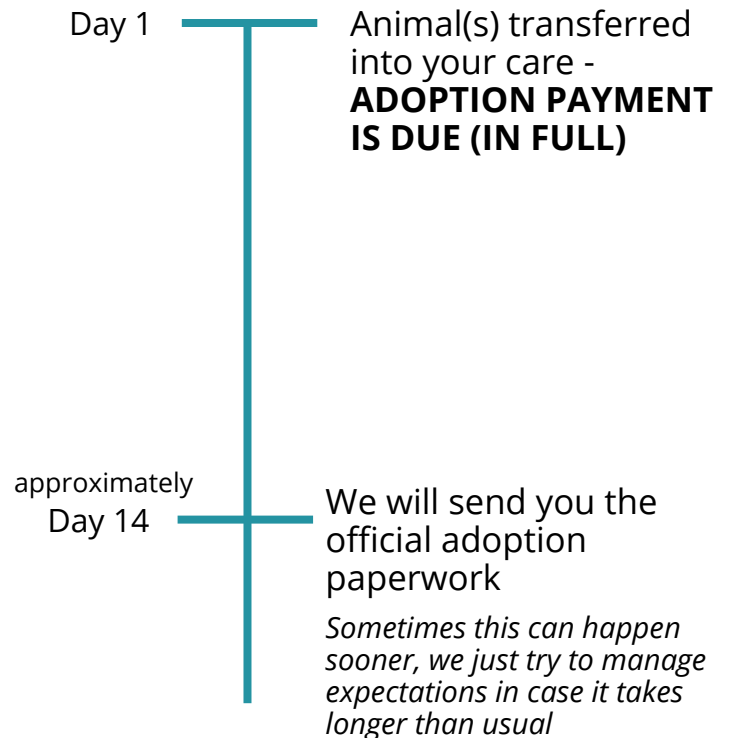
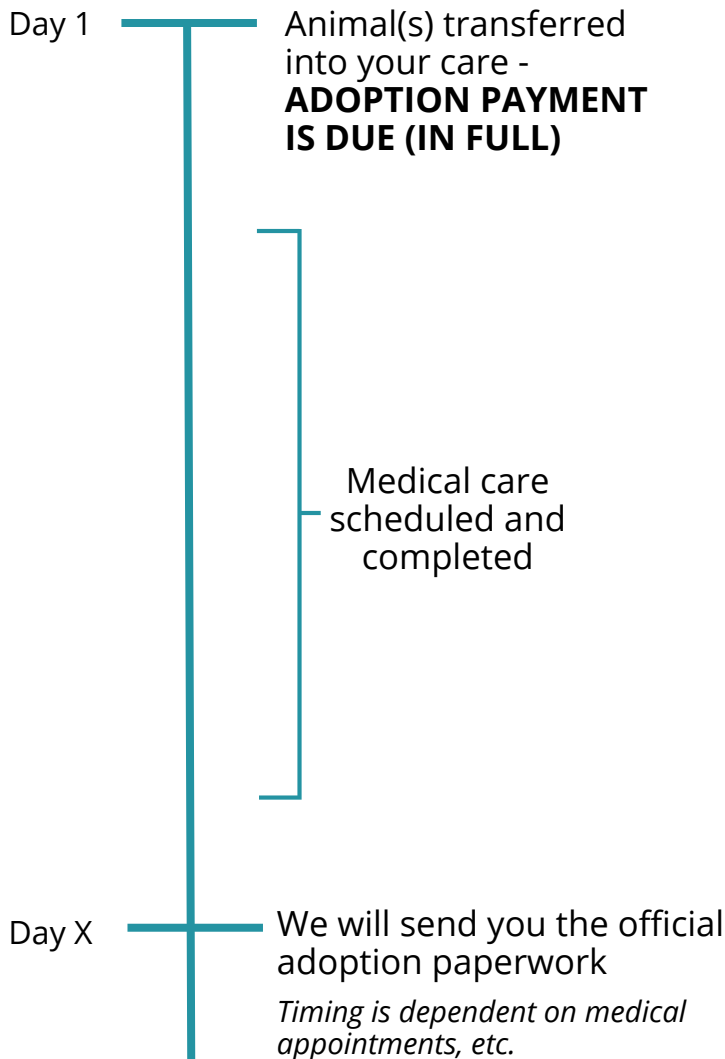


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Foster to adopt ("FTA")

Adoption



Processing adoptions can take several weeks (after medical is completed) due to our limited capacity and very small team. Please be patient and respectful of this or we will consider revoking the adoption.

**NOTE: Legally the animal(s) are SAYv Animal Organization's animal(s) until the official adoption paperwork is signed.**

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## NON-REFUNDABLE PAYMENT

**A non-refundable adoption payment is required upon the animal(s) entering your care** in order to solidify your commitment to the animal(s) that you're wanting to adopt.

These payments help us recover medical costs and costs of care for the animal(s). The **ONLY** exception to this is if we explicitly discussed otherwise (usually only applicable in behavioral cases). **This is applicable for adopters and foster-to-adopters.**

Adopting an animal is akin to adding a new family member. It's a serious commitment, and we only want to move animals into adoptive homes that understand this commitment. We have a zero tolerance policy for withholding payment - withholding payment hurts the animals in our care.

If you return an animal (both FTA and adopter) within 7 days of them transferring into your care, we will refund **HALF** of the full adoption fee. Beyond 7 days, the adoption fee will not be returned.

We will send you a link via email, text or through your group chat (usually email) to make this payment after the animal is transferred into your care. We expect the fee to be paid within 24 hours max. If you do not see it in your email, check your spam folder.



Be sure to check the [Foster Resources](#) page for other helpful info, such as medical coverage

**[sayvanimals.org/fosterresources](https://sayvanimals.org/fosterresources)**



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## ADOPTION FEES

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### Puppy/Dog

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Puppy Under 6 months	\$500
Young adult dog 6 months - 1 year	\$400
Adult dog 1 year+	\$350
Senior dog 7 years - 10 years	\$200
Super senior 10 years+	name your fee

### Kitten/Cat

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*20% off total with adoption of a second cat*

Kitten Under 6 months	\$250
Young adult cat 6 months - 1 year	\$225
Adult cat 1 year+	\$200
Senior cat 8 years - 13 years	\$150
Super senior 13 years+	name your fee

Note for foster-to-adopt: Certain vet clinics for spay/neuter or services will add costs to the adoption price. The SAYv team will explain this to you during scheduling.

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## WHAT ARE FTAS AND ADOPTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR?

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- Supplies for the animal that you want to adopt (cage, food, bowls, toys, etc.)
- The non-refundable deposit and total adoption fee (mentioned above)
- Communicating with the SAYv team in a **consistent** and **respectful** manner
  - SAYv can decide during the foster-to-adopt or adoption trial process that you are not a good fit for the animal(s) in your care. If that is decided, any paid deposits will be returned (ONLY in this scenario will it be returned). We take respect very seriously; if you're not respectful to us, we aren't confident in your ability to respect the animal you're adopting
- Heartworm prevention meds for adult dogs
- Flea and tick meds beyond preliminary supplies provided
- Medical care outside of the routine medical care we cover
  - Check our documentation on what medical SAYv covers for reference (generally - spay/neuter, vaccines, microchip, deworming, preliminary flea and tick meds)
  - Example: you want to get your adoptive animal's teeth cleaned (we don't cover unless prior arrangements have been discussed)
  - Example: your adoptive or FTA animal hurts his/her leg in your care (we do not cover)
  - Example: your adoptive or FTA animal eats something they shouldn't have while in your care (we do not cover)
  - NOTE: Please ask for approval from the SAYv team before bringing your adoptive animal outside of our vet network/approved clinics. These costs will not be reimbursed by SAYv. Permission is needed if animal ownership has not been transferred to you
  - UNLIKELY: If for some reason medical care that is usually covered by SAYv is handled with your vet (only after we have given permission) we will deduct **what we would have paid at our clinic partners** from the adoption fee

We have some other general adoption requirements on this page:  
[sayvanimals.org/adoptioninfo](https://sayvanimals.org/adoptioninfo)

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## DO'S

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- Enjoy the process! You're adding a family member to your family :)
- Give us many updates - anything and everything
- Notify us about any medical issues or behavioral issues
- Be patient and give your adoptive animal time to acclimate
- Pay all deposits and fees on time
- Ask us to connect you with your adoptive animal's prior foster (if applicable or if we haven't already) - they may be able to give you insight
- Take dogs and puppies to training classes (if adoption hasn't been finalized SAYv has to approve) - training is essential!
- Spoil your adoptive animal as much as possible :)

## DON'TS

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- Feel embarrassed to tell us about issues or challenges
- Be disrespectful to the SAYv team
- Take your adoptive animal to your own vet (until the adoption is finalized)
- Overwhelm your adoptive animal right when they come to your home - integrate slowly
- Take dogs outside without a harness, collar and leash - they should never be unobserved outside
- Call our vet partners or contact our vet partners for ANY reason - all communication goes through SAYv
- Communicate with prior fosters or SAYv team members outside of your group chat - we all need to be in the loop at all times

# SAYV ANIMAL ORGANIZATION FOSTER-TO-ADOPT DETAILS



## WHAT IS THE FTA PROCESS? (MORE DETAILS)

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**(1) You submit an application to adopt ([sayvanimals.org/adopt](https://sayvanimals.org/adopt))**

**(2) You are approved to be an adopter**

**(3) The animal(s) moves into your home**

- Make the adoption payment in full within 24 hours (we will send you a link)
- Please integrate them slowly into your home and do not overwhelm them - change can be scary

**(4) We continue to stay in touch to complete medical and/or confirm it's a good fit**

- Our preference is to communicate via Facebook Messenger, but if not, you will have a text chat
- All communication needs to go into your respective chat (so the entire SAYv team is aware)
- Any and all issues, questions, or comments need to be properly communicated
- Scheduling vet appointments should not be a challenge; you're aware that the animal that you're adopting needs medical care, and going to the vet is part of having an animal

★ **The SAYv team handles ALL SCHEDULING! You cannot for any reason call or communicate with our vet partners. If you have questions, they go through the SAYv team**

**(6) We send you an adoption link to complete the official ownership transfer**

- Once medical is complete we will send you the official adoption link
- You will receive medical paperwork within 72 hours of completing the adoption paperwork
- Microchips are automatically registered under FI Nano when adoptions are processed