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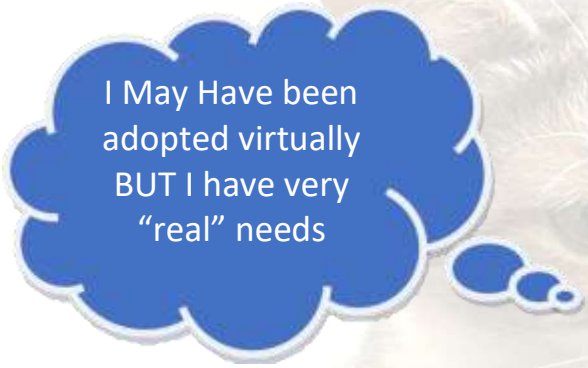

Virtual Feline Adoption Package

Includes: Post Adoption Procedures and information on Simcoe and District Humane Society's Adoption Process

Please Read through this package!
Our Adoptions are becoming "virtual" we are putting our trust in "virtual adopters". We ask that you follow our post adoption guidelines.
email adoptions@SimcoeDHumane.ca if you have any questions!

If you are part of our "Foster-To-Adopt" Program Your New Pet May Not be Spayed or Neutered!

You MUST ensure your pet does not get pregnant or create a pregnancy.

You MUST make the scheduled appointment at Simcoe and District Humane Society's Veterinary Clinic or follow the arrangements made with Management.

SDHS does *NOT* adopt animals for breeding purposes!

And requires all Pets to be altered by 5-6 months or at the earliest appropriate stage with your veterinarian's direction!

We ask you to keep in touch with the Animal Care Team so you will know where and when your pet is scheduled.

Thank you for helping Simcoe and District Humane Society and their furry friends!

If pregnancy does occur, please contact SDHS for appropriate placement of the babies and follow-up on surgery for pet. (A surrender fee for the litter may be requested depending on situation)

Virtual Foster-2-Adopt or Adoption Pre-Adoption Information

If you have not done so, please visit www.SimcoeDHumane.ca Adoptable Pet Page OR www.24PetConnect.com/pp1582

Start your adoption process online.

At PetSmart, Ruffin's or other Pet Store, you must fill out our PreAdoption Form First, then fill out their store or Pet Loyalty contracts with online payment.

We need a copy of your ID Please email a photo of your Driver's License or Photo ID Card (NOT HEALTH CARD) to adoptions@SimcoeDHumane.ca or text it to 519-428-2287. You will not be able to Foster-to-Adopt or Adopt without ID or a pre- adoption Questionnaire completed.

We will then finalize your adoption.

You will be emailed your Foster-2-Adopt Contract with Invoice which should be paid by e-transfer to finance@SimcoeDHumane.ca before pickup or paid by debit, visa, mastercard at shelter during pickup.

2 weeks later we will email Your Adoption Contract and Microchip Registration

Join our facebook group https://www.facebook.com/groups/SDHSFoster/

Note from Simcoe and District Humane Society:

The #1 Reason Pets are returned to shelters after adoption …

ALLERGIES!

Don't let your pet relationship become part of the statistics

- Before adopting a pet:
  - **If you know there are allergies to pets please think about adopting an animal that have less allergens!**
- **OR**
  - **Talk to your Doctor before adoption about how to live comfortably with a pet**
- After Adopting a pet:
  - **If you find out after adoption that you and your furry friend have issues … Please visit your doctor and find out if there are treatments that will work for you**

Don't let your allergies ruin a purrfect relationship!

Adopting a pet is a serious, life-long commitment …

If you can't live with your allergies and can't adopt ~ please help in other ways …

Volunteer, Donate, Support, Become a member!

We are asking you to find out first!

Simcoe and District Humane Society cannot refund your adoption fee due to allergies … your adoption fee will already have helped another who came into care.

From the Humane Society of the United States Website: http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/allergies_pets.html

How to Live with Allergies and Pets

You can have a happy, healthy life with your pets, even if you're allergic to them

Millions of people enjoy sharing their homes and their lives with pets, even those who are allergic to animals. Unfortunately, some people believe that once they are diagnosed with a pet allergy, they have no choice but to remove their pets from their family.

Thankfully, there are many solutions that can be explored that would allow an allergy sufferer to keep their beloved pets while successfully managing their allergies. You'd be surprised to know how many people with allergies that aren't life-threatening are able to live happily with their pets.

In many cases, the benefits of having a pet outweigh the drawbacks of pet allergies.

Understand your pet allergies

It is important to see a doctor and be tested to determine what allergies you actually have. You may find that you're allergic to something else and not your pet at all! For example, you may assume that you are allergic to your beloved dog, only to find out through an allergy test that you're actually allergic to a specific tree pollen that got on his fur during a walk together, and that's actually what's bothering you.

If an allergy test shows that you are allergic to your pet, it is important to understand what causes your allergic reaction to them. There are allergy-triggering proteins called allergens in saliva and skin glands that cling to an animal's dry skin (dander) and fur. The fur and dander then stick to walls, carpets and clothing.

The reaction of someone to these allergens is different from one person to the next. The reaction may range from mild sniffling and sneezing to life-threatening asthma. The reaction can be made worse if a person is additionally exposed to other things he is allergic too, such as pollen, dust mites, cigarette smoke, and mold.

Whether someone has an allergic reaction depends on both the individual person and the individual animal. A person with animal allergies may react less to dogs with soft, constantly growing hair, or one specific cat or dog may cause more or less of an allergic reaction than another animal of that same breed.

You may hear claims about breeds of dogs and cats that are non-allergenic (don't cause an allergic reaction) or cats and dogs that are hypoallergenic (cause less of an allergic reaction). However, even hairless breeds may cause a severe allergic reaction.

Reduce the allergens and your symptoms

If you are allergic to your pet and your reactions aren’t life-threatening, there are many ways to reduce indoor allergens and allergy symptoms so you and your pet can live together more comfortably.

If your or a family member's allergies are simply miserable, but not life-threatening, take these five steps to reduce the symptoms:

1. Create an "allergy free" zone in your home—preferably the allergic person's bedroom—and strictly prohibit the pet's access to it. Use a high-efficiency HEPA air cleaner, and consider using impermeable covers for the mattress and pillows.

2. Use HEPA air cleaners throughout the rest of the home, and avoid dust-and-dander-catching furnishings such as cloth curtains and blinds and carpeted floors. Clean frequently and thoroughly to remove dust and dander, washing articles such as couch covers and pillows, curtains, and pet beds.

3. Bathe your pet on a weekly basis to reduce the level of allergy-causing dander (shed old skin cells). Cats can get used to being bathed, but it's critical to only use products labeled for them; kittens may need a shampoo safe for kittens. Check with your veterinarian's staff or a good book on pet care for directions about safe bathing, It's a good idea to use a shampoo recommended by your veterinarian or other animal care professional.

4. Don't be quick to blame the family pet for allergies. Ask your allergist to specifically test for allergies to pet dander. Many allergy sufferers are sensitive to more than one allergen. Reduce the overall allergen level in your environment by concentrating on all of the causes, not just the pet allergy.

5. Try treatments. Additional treatments for allergies to pets are include immunotherapy (allergy shots), steroidal and antihistamine nose sprays and antihistamine pills. It is important to find an allergist who understands your commitment to living with your pet. A combination of approaches—medical control of symptoms, good housecleaning methods, and immunotherapy—is most likely to succeed in allowing an allergic person to live with pets.

Be glad you didn't let allergies break up a beautiful relationship

It is worth it to preserve the bond between you and your pet by checking if you are truly allergic to your pet and, if you are, to try these solutions. Join the large number of animal lovers who manage their allergies and live happily and healthily with their beloved pets.

Congratulations on Adopting Your New Furry Friend!

Let's Do It Right!

Adopted a kitty?

You will need basic supplies:

- ☐ Bed (or make a comfortable sleeping area)
- ☐ Carrier (Can't leave home without one!)
- ☐ Food Bowl
- ☐ Food it was eating
- ☐ Grooming Brush
- ☐ Litter Box
- ☐ Litter Scoop
- ☐ Nail Clippers
- ☐ Non Clumping/Unscented Litter
- ☐ Scratching post or pad
- ☐ Toys, Toys, Toys
- ☐ Treats (for later)
- ☐ Water Bowl

Adopted a doggy?

You will need these basic supplies:

- ☐ Bed (or make a comfortable sleeping area)
- ☐ Collar
- ☐ Crate
- ☐ Dog House (if your pet is going to be outside)
- ☐ Food Bowl
- ☐ Food it was eating
- ☐ Grooming Brush
- ☐ Leash
- ☐ Nail Clippers
- ☐ Pooper Scooper or Pick up Bags
- ☐ Toys, Toys, Toys
- ☐ Treats (for later)
- ☐ Water Bowl

Stress and your new furry friend!

Stress is a known factor of medical and behavioural issues in pets. Please make sure you read all the information provided in your adoption package.

Integrate your new pet appropriately, especially if you already have pets!

Shelters do their best to make sure all animals ready for adoption are healthy and treated for internal and external parasites prior to going into stores. It is possible your pet may need another treatment or continuing treatment for parasites. Due to shelter settings, your pet may come into contact with diseases such as Upper Respiratory Infections or Coccidiosis. Stress of the adoption process may bring out both of these or other ailments. ***SDHS will not be responsible for treatment of URI or Coccidiosis after adoption.***

It is important to keep pets separate and follow through with the mandatory vet check-up after adoption at the earliest convenient appointment to ensure your pet is healthy! Please take your complete package and health record to your vet for overview.

Please make sure to look into Pet insurance! This helps you, your new pet and SDHS!

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POST ADOPTION PROCEDURES

1. If at any time, you have concerns about your new pet, you may contact the Foster Care Provider who cared for the animal or the Simcoe and District Humane Society at 519-428-9161 or email adoptions@SimcoeDHumane.ca . Leave a message and your call will be forwarded to the appropriate volunteer or fosterer.
2. We ask you to take your new pet to your vet as soon as you can. This is required to prove that you are adopting a healthy animal.

3. Questions? Contact SDHS at 519-428-9161 press 1 or email adoptions@SimcoeDHumane.ca
4. To help with post adoption follow-ups, **SDHS asks you to contact the SDHS within 2 weeks of adoption at 519-428-9161 or email adoptions@SimcoeDHumane.ca** or a member of the Simcoe & District Humane Society will contact you. This allows us to ensure that the animal is adjusting well, to answer any questions you may have regarding behaviour, medical, or other issues and to monitor health care, such as vaccinations, spays/neuters etc. You may be asked to arrange, at your convenience, a follow-up visit at your home.
5. If you adopted a pet that is not spayed or neutered, you must follow the instructions given to you at time of adoption.
   - **Every animal must be spayed/neutered as directed. If the adopter does not comply, Simcoe and District Humane Society may retrieve the animal at their discretion and perform surgery. All additional costs will be the responsibility of the adopter.**
   - **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT TO BE MISSED.**

6. **Please do not, under any circumstance, give away or sell** your adopted pet to anyone prior to speaking with a coordinator with the Simcoe and District Humane Society. We understand situations may arise that you can no longer keep your pet but would like to know your pet is placed appropriately, just as we have with your adoption. We appreciate your assistance in finding a placement for your adopted animal.
7. Follow through with necessary care as agreed upon with the SDHS, including spay/neuter, regular checkups and vaccinations, medical appointments as needed (keep this in mind if you adopted a special needs animal**), appropriate licensing or Registration as per the Bylaw in your Municipality. Norfolk County Dog Tag Licenses Must be purchased at time of Adoption from The County offices, libraries, pet stores that participate in selling licenses.**

This animal is now your full responsibility, and you are required to follow ANY AND ALL Municipal and Government Laws and Bylaws that concern the animal adopted.

Thank you for your Support!!

NOTE: This is an important part of the adoption procedure!

Please complete and remit to adoptions@SimcoeDHumane.ca

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POST ADOPTION CHECKLIST

Congratulations on adopting your new family pet!

Please keep this checklist handy, which will help in following through with your new pet's post adoptive care and help the SDHS volunteers follow up on your pet's adoption!

If at any time, you have concerns about your new pet, please call Simcoe and District Humane Society at (519) 428-9161, or email adoptions@SimcoeDHumane.ca

☐ I have made the Veterinary Appointment post adoption

Date of Appointment_____Time _____

Name and Address of Veterinarian_____

☐ I have read up about pet insurance and have made my decision to purchase or not

Date: _____

☐ I have booked the Veterinary Appointment for boosters or follow-up care (if needed)

Date of Appointment_____Time _____

☐ I have contacted the SDHS within 2 weeks of adoption to ensure all is well with the animal and the adoption

Date _____ Name of SDHS representative I spoke to_____

- I emailed the information on (Date) _____

☐ If needed, I have scheduled spay or neuter of my new pet with SDHS Management

Date of Appointment_____Time _____

☐ I have contacted the SDHS and/or sent in the proof of spay/neuter of my pet

Name of SDHS representative I spoke to: _____

☐ I have purchased a license and/or followed other Municipality by-laws regarding my pet (If necessary)

Date:_____ License#_____ Other ID#: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!

After Page is filled, you can fax a copy to 1-866-817-1819 or email a copy to adoptions@SimcoeDHumane.ca *subject: Adopted animal update*

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Integrating Your New Cat into the Family

It may take 7 – 10 days (or more) for your new pet to really fit into the family. Please take your time and follow these guidelines for pet integration, proven to assist your new cat to fit in your home!

Prepare your home, family and other pets for the new arrival

- Make sure you have a separate room or area for your new furry friend to be comfortable in. This room should have a litter box, food and water bowls, a cozy area to sleep and rest (maybe even hide), and a place where he can get some exercise (a scratching post and toys will do)
- We suggest that this room be available for at least a week to 10 days. This will let him get used to smells, strange sounds and activities in the household and will give your other pets the chance to recognize the newcomer as well.
- Purchase the appropriate food, litter, litter box, bowls, toys, scratching post and other items the new pet will need.

On the Day of Arrival

- Make sure the room is ready for the arrival of your new pet with new and fresh litter, fresh food and water and bedding.
- Members of the family should give other pets attention and love while the newcomer is quietly placed in his new "home", his own room with all his necessities. If you are alone, or your family is not available to help with this introduction, make sure your other pets are secure and feeling comfortable in a separate area of the home.
- Always take time to cuddle, love and play with your other pets. Let them know you are still available to them and the newcomer is not taking over.
- Leave the newcomer in his room for at least a couple of hours before going in to check on him. When you do visit your new furry friend, stay only long enough to clean litter, give him fresh food and water and have a short visit.
- Your other pets will certainly investigate the newcomer and may even hiss, growl, and try to "get through the door". Do NOT let the newcomer out at this point or let the other pets in to visit. All animals in the home need time to understand the new addition in the household.

For the next couple of days

- Don't forget your other pets, make sure you are giving them lots of attention. Keep them on the same schedule as usual, including their walks, playtime, cuddle-time, litter box cleaning and feeding.
- Visit your new furry friend regularly, cuddling, playing, feeding, watering and cleaning litter.

After Two or Three Days

- Give your pets extra attention and then put them into a safe room (locked away). It is time to let the newcomer out and about to explore the house. He won't feel much like playing with you or giving you attention, he will want to explore and investigate as much as he can.
- Gage the length of time the newcomer stays out of his room by the reaction of the other pets in the house or by the reaction of your new furry friend. If he seems stressed or runs to hide, quickly put him back into the safety of his room and try again after everyone settles down.

After Five to Seven Days

It is time at last to let everyone meet for a short few minutes.
Make sure

- All the animals are fed.
- You stay calm. If you are excited or nervous, your animals will also be excited or nervous
- Everyone in the house is calm and quiet – even the kids. It is important that everyone is quiet and relaxed.
- Keep a squirt bottle handy with cold water in it just in case a fight actually breaks out. Never stop a fight between animals with your hand or body. Usually a good squirt of water does the trick.
- Pay extra attention to the other pets and ignore the newcomer as much as possible. Let everyone visit quietly.

You may see some fluffed up hair and tails and may hear some hissing but following these guidelines should help ease everyone into a friendly animal household. Don't keep the newcomer out too long but if all is going well the newcomer can come out a little more often

Integrating Your New Cat into the Family (continued)

After Seven to Ten Days

Increase the time the newcomer is out of his room, ignoring him and giving the other animals as much attention as possible. By their acitons, you should be able to tell whether it is safe to leave the newcomer out of his room and if it is safe to leave the animals alone together.

As the animals begin to get along without needing to be watched, leave the room to the newcomer's door open more andmore.

Eventually, you will be able to move the litter box to where you want it to be and the food bowls where the other animals feed. Always be prepared to keep an extra litter box handy and move the food bowls away from the others in case the pets don't like to share.

Congratulations on your newpet!

When there are no other pets...

Easy Does It -- A Gentle Welcome (Courtesy of PetSmart Website)

Kittens and cats adapt slowly to change, so the initial homecoming may be stressful for your new friend. It's best to bring your new kitty into your home when it's quiet and calm; then, gradually introduce her to family and friends. Follow these steps when bringing your cat home:

- Prepare in advance a quiet room for her that includes food, water, scratching post, and litter box
- Bring the carrier into the room, close the door and let her out; don't be alarmed if she immediately runs and hides; she'll come out when she's ready
- Go into the room every few hours to clean the litter box and check on her
- When she approaches you for attention, sit and talk quietly as you pet her
- When she seems comfortable, let her out of the room to explore the rest of the home; it may take several days before she roams freely and relaxes in every room
- Make sure she always has access to her originalroom.

When there are older pets...

(Please follow the guidelines in Integrating Your New Cat into the Family with some extra care for older pets) Bringing a Kitten into the Home of Older Pets (Courtesy of PetSmart Website)

Even if your older pet has lived peacefully with other animals in the house, there is no guarantee that he will welcome a new kitten with joy, or even tolerance. When you bring a new kitten into the home, your older pet will need lots of extra attention. The cat needs to know that you still love him and that the newcomer is not a threat to his position in your household.

When you bring your new kitten home, it is important to isolate her. Choose a room in neutral territory. The first time the two pets meet face to face should be short. If the older pet is a dog, proper restraint, such as a leash, will prevent him from chasing and scaring the kitten.

Your older pet needs to be reassured that the newcomer will not take over his territory. If he has a favorite sleeping place, don't let the kitten sleep there. Provide the youngster with her own toys. Animals are often possessive of their food and feeding dishes. Ideally, since the kitten should be eating her own kitten food, have her feeding dishes in a different room or area for as long as possible

Checklist of Potential Household and Holiday Hazards to Pets

Note: This list of potential dangers around the house at holiday time is not exhaustive—that would be impossible. Keeping your home safe for your furry family members is an ongoing process that requires knowledge, awareness of your pets, attention to detail, and commitment. And common sense. However, this list does contain the most common hazards around the home that your pet is likely to face during holidays, special occasions, and major get-togethers.

If you suspect that your pet has ingested something poisonous, please do not hesitate to call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at **888-4ANI-HELP (888-426-4435)**. If you have general concerns that something in your pet's environment is impacting his or her health or well-being, please consult with your veterinarian.

FOOD

Raw meat (including poultry) — parasites, *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, and other bacteria

Meat juices — bacteria

Meat-soaked string — can cause diarrhea and other digestive problems, or get tangled in the intestines; string is more enticing to pets when covered with meat or grease

Poultry bones — fragile and can splinter in the throat and intestinal tract

Raw egg — may cause biotin depletion; often harbors salmonella and other bacteria

Garlic/onions/chives/leeks — can cause a fatal anemia

Gravy — high fat content can lead to stomach upset and pancreatitis; often contains high levels of onion and garlic

Grapes/raisins — contain an unknown toxin that can damage the kidneys

Macadamia nuts — contain an unknown toxin that can damage the digestive system

Uncooked yeast — can expand in the stomach, causing gastric problems and possible rupture

Chocolate — contains theobromine, which affects the cardiovascular, nervous and digestive systems

Coffee/caffeine — contains xanthenes which can cause problems in the nervous, urinary, and cardiovascular systems

Xylitol — a sweetener found in many products; can be fatally toxic

Alcohol — even small amounts can cause intoxication and possibly death

Tobacco/nicotine — can cause serious digestive, cardiovascular and neurological effects

Garbage cans — may contain any or all of the above products

PLANTS (all can cause stomach upset and/or diarrhea)

Holly
Mistletoe
Poinsettias
Christmas cacti
Evergreen needles
Amaryllis
Jerusalem cherry
Pyracantha
Rosary pea or Jequirity pea

DECORATION AND WRAPPING

Ribbon/Yarn/String — can be ingested and cause intestinal obstruction and bunching of the intestine

Potpourri — dangerous essential oils

Candles — burning/fire hazard

Fireplace — shooting sparks and intense heat; consumption of ashes can lead to burns (if still smoldering) as well as digestive problems and possible intestinal impaction

Tinsel — choking and possible intestinal obstruction

Low-hanging ornaments — fragile ornaments can tear the esophagus and intestine if ingested

Christmas lights cords — strangulation and electrocution hazard

Food on the tree (popcorn, candy canes, gingerbread people) — varying degrees of indigestion, diarrhea, and other digestive problems

The Tree

Unstable tree — multiple dangers including broken ornaments, fallen tinsel and needles, and exposure to wires and other hazards on the tree

Artificial snow — mildly toxic but larger amounts can cause intestinal blockage

Ornaments — deep lacerations can occur from playing with ornaments; ornaments may be made of toxic materials

Tree Water — sap, insecticides, flame retardants, and fertilizers can seep into the water; bacteria can form over time; use skirt to cover basin

Gifts under the tree (or in any area accessible to pets)

Batteries — filled with harmful acids

Perfume/Aftershave/Cologne/Essential Oils — toxic to animals

Ribbons and bows — can cause choking and bunching or obstruction of the intestines

This list focuses mainly on potential holiday hazards. It is not inclusive of ALL potential holiday hazards or other potential non-holiday hazards. For more information, you may wish to visit the **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center**

Please seek Veterinary Care if you believe your pet has eaten or been into something it should not have touched!

Top 10 Human Medications Poisonous to Pets

From ~www.petpoisonhelpline.com

Pet owners who are serious about pet-proofing their home should start with their own medicine cabinet. Nearly 50% of all calls received by Pet Poison Helpline involve human medications – both over-the-counter and prescription. Whether Fido accidentally chewed into a pill bottle or a well-intentioned pet owner accidently switched medication (giving their pet a human medication), pet poisonings due to human medications are common and can be very serious.

Below is a list of the top 10 human medications most frequently ingested by pets, along with some tips from the veterinarians at Pet Poison Helpline on how to prevent pet poisoning from human medications.

1. **NSAIDs (e.g. Advil, Aleve and Motrin)**

   Topping our Top 10 list are common household medications called non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDs), which include common names such as ibuprofen (e.g., Advil and some types of Motrin) and naproxen (Aleve). While these medications are safe for people, even one or two pills can cause serious harm to a pet. Dogs, cats, birds and other small mammals (ferrets, gerbils and hamsters) may develop serious stomach and intestinal ulcers as well as kidney failure.

2. **Acetaminophen (e.g. Tylenol)**

   When it comes to pain medications, acetaminophen (e.g. Tylenol) is certainly popular. Even though this drug is very safe, even for children, this is not true for pets—especially cats. One regular strength tablet of acetaminophen may cause damage to a cat's red blood cells, limiting their ability to carry oxygen. In dogs, acetaminophen leads to liver failure and, in large doses, red blood cell damage.

3. **Antidepressants (e.g. Effexor, Cymbalta, Prozac, Lexapro)**

   While these antidepressant drugs are occasionally used in pets, overdoses can lead to serious neurological problems such as sedation, incoordination, tremors and seizures. Some antidepressants also have a stimulant effect leading to a dangerously elevated heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature. Pets, especially cats, seem to enjoy the taste of Effexor and often eat the entire pill. Unfortunately, just one pill can cause serious poisoning.

4. **ADD/ADHD medications (e.g. Concerta, Adderall, Ritalin)**

   Medications used to treat Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder contain potent stimulants such as amphetamines and methylphenidate. Even minimal ingestions of these medications by pets can cause life-threatening tremors, seizures, elevated body temperatures and heart problems.

5. **Benzodiazepines and sleep aids (e.g. Xanax, Klonopin, Ambien, Lunesta)**

   These medications are designed to reduce anxiety and help people sleep better. However, in pets, they may have the opposite effect. About half of the dogs who ingest sleep aids become agitated instead of sedate. In addition, these drugs may cause severe lethargy, incoordination (including walking "drunk"), and slowed breathing in pets. In cats, some forms of benzodiazepines can cause liver failure when ingested.

6. **Birth control (e.g. estrogen, estradiol, progesterone)**

   Birth control pills often come in packages that dogs find irresistible. Thankfully, small ingestions of these medications typically do not cause trouble. However, large ingestions of estrogen and estradiol can cause bone marrow suppression, particularly in birds. Additionally, female pets that are intact (not spayed), are at an increased risk of side effects from estrogen poisoning.

7. **ACE Inhibitors (e.g. Zestril, Altace)**

   Angiotensin-converting enzyme (or "ACE") inhibitors are commonly used to treat high blood pressure in people and, occasionally, pets. Though overdoses can cause low blood pressure, dizziness and weakness, this category of medication is typically quite safe. Pets ingesting small amounts of this medication can potentially be monitored at home, unless they have kidney failure or heart disease. All heart medications should be kept out of reach of pets.

8. **Beta-blockers (e.g. Tenormin, Toprol, Coreg)**

   Beta-blockers are also used to treat high blood pressure but, unlike the ACE inhibitor, small ingestions of these drugs may cause serious poisoning in pets. Overdoses can cause life-threatening decreases in blood pressure and a very slow heartrate.

9. **Thyroid hormones (e.g. Armour desiccated thyroid, Synthroid)**

   Pets — especially dogs — get underactive thyroids too. Interestingly, the dose of thyroid hormone needed to treat dogs is much higher than a person's dose. Therefore, if dogs accidentally get into thyroid hormones at home, it rarely results in problems. However, large acute overdoses in cats and dogs can cause muscle tremors, nervousness, panting, a rapid heart rate and aggression.

10. **Cholesterol lowering agents (e.g. Lipitor, Zocor, Crestor)**

    These popular medications, often called "statins," are commonly used in the United States. While pets do not typically get high cholesterol, they may still get into the pill bottle. Thankfully, most "statin" ingestions only cause mild vomiting or diarrhea. Serious side effects from these drugs come with long-term use, not one-time ingestions.

Always keep medications safely out of reach and never administer a medication to a pet without first consulting your veterinarian. The following are some tips from Dr. Justine Lee and Dr. Ahna Brutlag at Pet Poison Helpline to help prevent pets from getting into over-the-counter or prescription medication:

- Never leave loose pills in a plastic Ziploc® bag – the bags are too easy to chew into. Make sure visiting house guests do the same, keeping their medications high up or out of reach.
- If you place your medication in a weekly pill container, make sure to store the container in a cabinet out of reach of your pets. Unfortunately, if they get a hold of it, some pets might consider the pill container a plastic chew toy.
- Never store your medications near your pet's medications – Pet Poison Helpline frequently receives calls from concerned pet owners who inadvertently give their own medication to their pet.
- Hang your purse up. Inquisitive pets will explore the contents of your bag and simply placing your purse up and out of reach can help to avoid exposure to any potentially dangerous medication(s).

It is also important to note that while a medication may be safe for children, it may not be safe for animals. In fact, nearly 50% of all pet poisonings involve human drugs. Pets metabolize medications very differently from people. Even seemingly benign over-the-counter or herbal medications may cause serious poisoning in pets. If your pet has ingested a human over- the-counter or prescription medication, please call your veterinarian or Pet Poison Helpline's 24-hour animal poison control center at 800-213-6680immediately.

24/7 Animal Poison Control
Center 855-764-7661
$39 per incident fee applies

If you suspect your pet has ingested a medication or has other signs of poisoning please contact your veterinarian immediately!

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Choose your pet's favourite colours!

The Annual Cost of owning a cat or dog in 2012

As published by the OVMA

While pet ownership can be very rewarding, far too often, a pet is taken into a home without any consideration for the financial responsibility that comes along with it. While pet ownership has many benefits, caring for them comes with a financial cost. To that end, OVMA has created the Cost of Owning a Dog or Cat in 2023. The following tables closely approximate the annual expenses one can expect for a dog or cat, as well as the cost of caring for a puppy or kitten in its first year of life. These tables will help you gain a better understanding of how much you should build into your budget, so that you are not caught off guard by the expenses incurred as a pet owner.

IMPORTANT

The veterinary care fees shown are based on OVMA's 2023Suggested Fee Guide for Small Animal Procedures. Most of the treatment costs listed are based on preventive care and common procedures (e.g. spays and neuters).
We have also included the yearly cost of pet insurance based on a plan that covers 80 per cent of the expenses for all accidents and illness. The premiums listed include one year of coverage and any administrative fees that may apply. Taxes are not included.
No financial allowances have been made for professional grooming due to the variances in grooming requirements. If a dog needs to be groomed outside the home, it can cost anywhere from $50 to $200 per visit, depending on the frequency of grooming, breed, condition of the pet and cut requested.
The food budgets shown are based on a premium veterinary diet available only through your veterinarian. There are certainly less expensive foods available, however, a premium veterinary diet can save pet owners in the end, as it can help to prevent or manage a variety of health problems.
Many of the procedures listed above are also accompanied by future financial benefits. The municipal licensing fees shown here are based on altered dogs and cats. For pets that have not been spayed or neutered, licensing fees are generally at least double those for licensing an altered pet. For example, licensing an unaltered dog in Toronto for 10 years costs $350 more than licensing a neutered dog. In addition, several pet-related services and products (e.g. pet insurance) offer discounts for pets that have been micro-chipped.

Veterinarians set their own fees depending on a variety of factors, so these prices are only estimates. They still make clear the significant financial commitment necessary to care for a dog or cat

Adoption Fee Age Groups

Kitten or Puppy under 1 year

Cat or Dog 1 year - 6/7 year

Senior Pet 7 - 12 years

Geriatric Pet 12 plus years

Fees may change without notice or for special adopt-a-thons.

Please check www.SimcoeDHumane.ca for updated Fee Schedule.

What your Adoption Fee Includes (for 1 month of care):

This includes the initial and basic cost of care BUT many other costs including Rabies Vaccine, Second or Third Boosters, Continuing Flea Prevention and medical treatment may have gone into your new furry friend!

Heartworm Test	$115	**FIV/Felv Test**	110.00
Puppy Vaccine	**$ 76.00**	Kitten Vaccine	$76.00
De-worming medication	29.25	**De-worming Medication**	24.00
Heartworm/Flea Prevention	20.00	**Flea Prevention**	20.00
Microchip Identification	71.70	**Microchip Identification**	71.70
Spay/Neuter	553.20/499.20	**Spay/Neuter**	475.70 / 377.70
housing or kennel care	115.00	**Food**	80.00
Food	85.00	**Kennel**	115
Bowls	18.31	**Litter Box**	15.00
Toys	55.00	**Litter**	15.00
Laundry and Bedding	40.00	**Laundry and Bedding**	40.00
Insurance	40.00	**Insurance**	**30.00**
Cost of Intake Canine Care As per the OVMA 2023Cost of care	**Female: $1217.46 Male: $1163.46**	**Cost of Intake Feline Care As per the OVMA 2012 Cost of care**	**Female: $1,072.40 Male: $974.40**

Adoption Package Property of Simcoe and District Humane Society

SIMCOE AND DISTRICT HUMANE SOCIETY

How You Can Help Us Help Those Who Cannot Help Themselves?

Sponsor our Van and Emergency Equipment

In Norfolk County the Society assists many organizations including the OPP, Provincial Animal Welfare Services, and Animal Control services, housing and treating animals surrendered through these organizations. This equipment is also used in ongoing functions of the Society. SDHS receives no funding from any level of government, OSPCA, or other organizations to cover the costs of pickup, delivery to veterinarians and adoption events and relies on donations from the community to help the animals.

Sponsor a Vehicle for the SDHS

Daily calls dealing with sick and injured animals take our animal care volunteers all over Norfolk. Your name will certainly be noticed as it travels with our volunteers!

Sponsor our Animals in Care

Perhaps there is a program within the SDHS that you may be interested in sponsoring such as:

- spay and neuters of adoptable animals in care over 6 months old
- help with boarding costs of animals when foster homes are full,
- microchipping of adoptable animals
- Help with a special animal in care.
- Help with medical costs of our sick and injured friends

Sponsor Public Awareness and Information Programs

The SDHS has 5 brochures available to the public including:

1. "What to Do When a Stray Finds You",
2. "Spay and Neutering ~ a necessity in Norfolk",
3. "Help us Help those Who Cannot Help Themselves ... Become a foster Home".

We would like to continue to present these to the public and activity booklets to take to the schools.

Sponsor one of our humane programs, such as:

Reading Buddy Programs, Jr. Humane Society "Critter Buddies" or the S.W.A.P. (Seniors with Animals Program)

Hold or Organize Fundraisers

The SDHS needs large fundraisers and someone to organize them! Our Current Fundraising activities include:

1. Garage Sales
2. Annual Paws on the Path Walk-a-thon
3. Tree of Life Campaign
4. Paws-ta Party
5. Easter & Christmas Craft & Bake Sale
6. Community booths at local events
7. Santa Paws – Pet Pictures with Santa
8. Norfolk Community Animal Fair

In order for SDHS to continue helping the animals, fundraising efforts must rise considerably! *Can you help?*

Sponsor one of our donation Campaigns:

We would like to begin new donation promotions including: direct mailing, media promos, and building promos

Help us Build our Shelter! Perhaps you have the expertise to help in the final stages.

We have been looking forward to our shelter. We need help in all areas from the ground up including:

- Lots of clean fill
- Contractors who can oversee the job
- Construction and finishing of the building
- Lots More!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

We always need volunteers in both our daily activities and with our special events and projects.

If you are interested in sponsoring any of our functions or are interested in volunteering, please contact the Simcoe and District Humane Society at 519-428-9161 or volunteers@SimcoeDHumane.ca

PET SITTER NOTES

This Pet belongs to _____

Pet's Name: _____

TYPE OF PET: _____

WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE LIVE

Our address: _____

Our Phone number: (____)_____

Who to call in emergency:_____Contact's Phone Number (____)_____

HOW TO REACH US

Address: _____

Phone:_____Cell phone:_____Pager:_____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Mealtime:_____Mealtime:_____Mealtime:_____

What to feed:_____How Much to feed:_____

Snack time:_____Snacks:_____

Walk schedule:_____

Allergies:_____

Medications: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IN AN EMERGENCY Call 911, or the animal's Veterinarian at the number below!

Emergency: Call 911, orVeterinarian_____

Veterinarian's Phone Number :(____)_____

Veterinarian's Address:_____

Emergency Contact #: (_____)_____

Other Contact:_____Phone:_____Cell Phone:_____

Little Whiskers Pet Furniture