

ORDINANCE # 97-002
ADOPTION OF ANIMALS FROM COUNTY SHELTER

(A) All dogs and cats adopted or obtained from the Scott County Animal Control and Protection must be surgically altered to prevent breeding. For purposes of this Chapter, "obtained" does not include reclaimed (returned to owners), within the seven day holding period.

(B) Prior to the sale, purchase or adoption of a dog or cat from the Scott County Animal Shelter, the prospective buyer is required to complete an animal placement questionnaire. The questionnaire is designed to determine the prospective owner's ability to properly care for the animal. Past experience and knowledge of Animal Control and Protection personnel of the prospective owners, as well as previous violations by the prospective owners, may be grounds to refuse the sale or adoption. Additional grounds may be whether the prospective owner is able to provide an enclosure where the animal is to be kept which is adequate to keep the animal restrained, whether the animal is being purchased for resale, whether the prospective owner has obtained another animal from the Animal Shelter the past 12 months, whether the prospective owner has owned a pet which has died without appropriate veterinary care, and whether the prospective owner is purchasing the animal solely for guard or attack purposes. The Animal Shelter is not obligated to sell any animal in its custody.

(C) Unaltered to prevent breeding, dogs and/or cats adopted or obtained from Scott County Animal Control and Protection, that are less than 4 months of age, shall receive a voucher to be redeemed at the business of a licensed practitioner of veterinary medicine in Scott County, Kentucky, for the purpose of spay or neuter of said animal.


(D) Unaltered to prevent breeding, dogs and/or cats adopted or obtained from Scott County Animal Control and Protection, that are 4 months of age or older, shall be subject to spay or neuter prior to adoption or obtaining.

(E) The fees for adopting or obtaining dogs and/or cats that require spay or neutering shall be determined and established by the Scott Fiscal Court.

(F) It is the stated purpose and intention that the Scott County Animal Control and Protection will fairly and equitably direct the placement of vouchers to be redeemed or used for surgical alteration of dogs and/or cats and shall periodically make report to the Fiscal Court.

(G) Any person adopting an animal is required to comply with all stipulations and conditions set forth in the adoption agreement. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of a uniform citation for violation of this section and forfeiture of the animal.

INTRODUCED, SECONDED, AND GIVEN FIRST READING APPROVAL at a duly convened meeting of the Fiscal Court of Scott County, Kentucky, held on the 31st day of March, 1997. GIVEN SECOND READING AND ADOPTED at a duly convened meeting of the Fiscal Court of Scott County, Kentucky, held on the 14 day of April 1997.


GEORGE LUSBY
SCOTT COUNTY/JUDGE EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:


MARTHA NECLERIO
FISCAL COURT CLERK

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