

Dedicated professionals and volunteers caring for the many stray and unwanted dogs and cats of Fulton County.



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Our Mission Statement

The James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society is a non-profit, compassionate organization devoted to securing permanent, responsible, loving homes for the animals of Fulton County. The organization strives to achieve its mission through education and prevention of animal suffering. This shelter serves the Fulton County community in many ways:

1. *Provides shelter, food, water, medical care and safety to stray, homeless and unwanted cats and dogs.*
2. *Helps families find new animal companion.*
3. *Returns lost pets to their owners.*
4. *Teaches humane education in schools, kindness towards animals: safety around animals, the link between animal cruelty and violence against humans and builds self-confidence.*
5. *Has the most aggressive Spay/Neuter Program for low-income families in Fulton County.*
6. *Pet Food Bank for Seniors in Fulton County, helping seniors with financial difficulties feeding their companions.*
7. *Girl Scouts merit badge programs.*
8. *Alternative School Program, providing work-study opportunities for students. Advocates for Animal Law at the State and Federal levels.*
9. *Perhaps most importantly the Brennan Humane Society provides a tangible example of humane ethics and compassion for all living*

Help for the NEW Owner Bringing them home

TAKE A MOMENT AND THINK

Your new dog may have been abandoned or surrendered by a previous family. The dog may have been abused. The dog or puppy had to adjust to the shelter and is now going home to a new, unfamiliar place with strangers. Kind of scary if you think about it! Being gentle, considerate, kind and patient will help ease your friend into his new family.

NEW FREEDOM

Your dog may have been in a kennel for several weeks or months. He may be CRAZY HAPPY the first few days just because he's so happy to be out and about and around people. Make sure to provide plenty of exercise to help him wind down. Don't give up.

FEAR

Your dog might be afraid and unsure of his new surroundings. If he appears to be scared, keep him in a small, quiet area (such as a gated off laundry room or bathroom) to start, and take it slow. Don't allow your children to bother the dog if he is afraid; fear can result in nipping. Instead, give your dog plenty of time to adjust to his new surroundings, taking it one step at a time. Don't give up.

ACCIDENTS

Even a potty trained dog can make mistakes in a new home. He doesn't know which door to go to or how to ask his new owner for what he wants. Start a habit of going out the same door every time you bring him to potty. Keep a watchful eye on your friend and confine him when you can't watch him. Please be aware that change of food or nervousness can set off diarrhea. Take him out for potty time within 30 minutes of eating his meal. Limit his eating and drinking after 6pm. Do not leave bowls of food and water out for him 24/7 until he is potty trained. Once he is trained you will find that you may give him food and drink 24/7 and he will let you know when he has to relieve himself.

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THERE WILL BE BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

Your dog had a whole other set of rules in his previous home. He may have been allowed to sleep in bed and beg at the table. **IT'S UP TO YOU TO TEACH HIM/HER YOUR RULES.** Teaching proper behavior takes time and patience.

HOW LONG CAN THIS TAKE?

Allow your dog or puppy several weeks to adapt to his new surroundings and possibly up to 6 months to fully adjust (adults may take longer than pups). Adopting a pet is a lifetime commitment. We assume that you will make a patient and concerted effort to achieve a successful forever home.