

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*

Questions to Ask Yourself Before Adopting

Caring for a companion animal goes far beyond providing food, water and shelter. By visiting us at the shelter, you've taken your first step to responsible pet ownership. It's smart to do your research and careful planning before bringing a dog or cat home. What are your answers to the following questions?

1. Are you ready to make a long-term commitment?

Your pet may be with you for a very long time. Did you know that dogs can live from 10-15 years, and cats for up to 20 years? You may go through many changes in your life-moves, marriages, the birth of children, new jobs and new houses-but your animal will be a permanent part of your life. And since dogs and cats can bond deeply with their families, it can be heartbreaking for the pet-and for the family-should that bond be broken if you cannot care for your animal. Are you up for it?

2. Can you spend quality time with this animal?

Canines thrive on several hours of exercise and companionship every day, and dogs who are constantly left alone can develop behavioral problems. Cats are healthiest and happiest indoors, with their human families. Felines who live outside, face dangers from other animals and people, and may prey on wildlife.

3. Will you be responsible for your pet's health and safety?

The cost of owning a dog or cat is a more than the initial adoption fee! When estimating the total amount, remember to include basic and emergency veterinary care, toys, supplies and food. You'll also need to spay or neuter your pet, and make sure that he or she has proper identification-that means a collar and tags and a more permanent form of ID such as microchipping.

4. Do you know what kind of pet is right for you?

Dogs and cats are not right for every household. Problems such as allergies, apartment restrictions, or moving issues should be explored before adopting a new pet. Large dogs may be too strong or active for small children, while small pets may be too delicate for children. It's smart to ask the shelter staff what animals they recommend for your household-they're experts at making perfect matches!

5. (for dog adopters) Will your dog be on his best behavior at all times?

Basic training helps dog owners communicate better with their pets and strengthens the human-animal bond. Research shows that people who train their dogs are more likely to keep them.

(for cat adopters) Why is your cat doing that?

Understanding a cat's behavior can be like learning another language! It is important to know what is normal behavior, as well as how to correct inappropriate behaviors.

