



# Taylor County

## Board of County Commissioners'

### Policy Manual

Policy #:	Title:	Effective Date:
2009-06	Animal Adoptions	03/17/09

#### PURPOSE

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To establish general guidelines for animal adoptions.

#### REFERENCE

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None

#### POLICY

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No animal is to be adopted if any of the following criteria is met:

- 1) If the animal has exhibited any sustained signs of aggression after at least a three day assessment period.
- 2) An owner turn-in that has a history of aggressive behavior towards a human or another animal.
- 3) If the dog has any **known** contagious disease.

When adopting animals an application must first be filled out. After completing the application the decision is made whether to approve or deny the adoption. Without consent from the Animal Control Coordinator, no adoption is to be approved if any of the following criteria is met:

- 1) Individuals with any past history of animal abuse.
- 2) Any individual who habitually surrenders their own animals.
- 3) Any individual who posses 5 or more animals of the same species being adopted.
- 4) Any individual that has previously adopted an animal and received a citation/warning and failed to comply.

#### RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

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Environmental Services Department– Animal Control

**Sunset Date: None**