



## Animal Control Adoption Policy

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set the circumstances under which animals may be reclaimed by the Animal Control Department and to adopt a form for any member of the public to sign prior to adopting animals from the Animal Control Department.

### POLICY

Otsego County Animal Control reserves the right to demand the return of any animal adopted from our facility that we feel, under federal, state law or local law is being neglected, abused or otherwise not being cared for properly. This includes, but is not limited to, allowing dogs to run at large (off-leash and off-property), not obtaining a valid Michigan dog license and/or rabies vaccination within designated time frame, neglecting to have the animal spayed/neutered according to the animal control contract, and repeated nuisance complaints.

Any person requesting to adopt an animal from the Otsego County Animal Control Department is required to sign a form containing the following language:

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By signing below, you and/or designated parties agree to the above and agree that you have been notified by the animal control staff, to the best of our knowledge, as to the history and behavior of the animal you are adopting. You also acknowledge that any animal can be unpredictable and you are taking responsibility for the animal while the animal is in your care and custody or while in the care and custody of a designated party.

Adoptee Signature \_\_\_\_\_