



*Can't quite make up your mind? Need more time to decide? A non-refundable, non-transferable hold deposit can be placed on a pet for a 24-hour period. If the adoption is completed, the deposit is applied toward the adoption fee. If the adoption is not completed, the deposit is forfeited to the Worcester Animal Rescue League.  
Any forfeited deposits are considered a donation to the shelter.*

#### **REQUIREMENTS AND RULES:**

- ❃ Potential adopters must fill out an application and return it to the shelter in person before a deposit can be taken.
- ❃ Only one hold may be placed on an animal at a time as we are unable to process second or third holds.
- ❃ \$25.00 deposit fee must be paid by cash or credit card.
- ❃ A higher deposit fee will be accepted, but does not increase the duration of the 24 hour hold period.
- ❃ The deposit is valid 24 hours from the print date on the receipt. Exact time will be determined by the front computer.
- ❃ The Worcester Animal Rescue League reserves the right to refuse adoption to anyone without disclosing the reasons, regardless if a deposit was taken or not.
- ❃ If a deposit is placed on an animal and the owner of the home/apartment/living quarters does not permit pets, the deposit is forfeited by the potential adopter.
- ❃ The Worcester Animal Rescue League will not adopt out a pet if all members of the family/home are not present. Once members are present, if the Worcester Animal Rescue League does not feel comfortable placing the pet in that home, the deposit is forfeited by the potential adopter.
- ❃ For dogs only: The Worcester Animal Rescue League requires that any existing dogs in the home or dogs that frequently visit the home must be brought to the shelter and introduced to the shelter dog by shelter staff. If the Worcester Animal Rescue League does not feel comfortable placing the pet in that home, the deposit is forfeited by the potential adopter.
- ❃ Time Exceptions: If a deposit is taken after 4 p.m., the deposit is valid no later than 4 p.m. the next day since adoption hours end at 4 p.m.
- ❃ Time Exceptions: If a deposit is taken before noon on a Saturday, the deposit is valid until noon on Sunday since adoption hours start at noon on Sunday.
- ❃ Deposits can not be taken on a day before a closed holiday. (Easter Saturday, Sunday before Memorial Day, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday before Labor Day, Wednesday before Thanksgiving, day before Christmas Eve, Christmas Eve, and New Years Eve)
- ❃ The deposit is non-refundable in the event of any unforeseeable events including, but not limited to, fire, accidents, vandalism, burglary, extreme weather, natural disasters or acts of God.