



The Our Companions Adoption Program aims to find a pet who will be the best match for each adopter. Our adoption team provides our adopters with support from the start of the journey and throughout the animal's entire life including:

- Pre-adoption counseling
- Assistance while the animal is settling in, and
- Life-long support.

Our goal is to find loving homes for our animals and to facilitate individualized adoptions that meet both the adopter's and animal's needs.

### **What is the process for adopting a pet from Our Companions?**

Before being considered for any of our adoptable pets, you must fill out an application. Applications can be found at the following link (hard copies are available upon request):

<https://www.ourcompanions.org/adoption/>

1. Once an application has been received, you will be assigned an Adoption Caseworker who will be your contact person through the review and adoption process. We do take more than one application for each pet to ensure the best match possible is selected.
2. Throughout the review process, your Caseworker will contact you, your personal references, and your veterinary references to learn more about what pet would be your "perfect match" for your family and home.
3. If we do have any potential matches, your Caseworker will schedule an adoption showing either at our Valerie Friedman Program Center in Manchester, CT or at our Ashford Sanctuary, depending on where the animal is located. Our adoption showings are by appointment only once an application has been reviewed.
4. After the adoption showing, if there is a particular animal you would like to move forward with and the adoption team agrees it would be a perfect fit, your Caseworker will then schedule the adoption on a separate day and time, either back in Manchester or Ashford.
5. For dog adoptions, after the showing, a home visit is also required to provide advice and suggestions to help with the transition of your new addition.
6. Additional meetings may be necessary, like dog-to-dog introductions or visiting our Ashford Sanctuary to spend more time with the dog alongside our caregivers. This allows more bonding time with your new pet and also ensures a successful transition into your home once the adoption is scheduled.

### **Questions?**

Contact our Adoption Team through the Our Companions Helpline by calling 860-242-9999 ext. 302 or emailing [Helpline@OurCompanions.org](mailto:Helpline@OurCompanions.org).