



Questionnaire for Animal Adoption

In the animal shelter and in the dog station animals await new owners and new homes. Before you decide on adopting an animal, you should be aware that animals are living beings: **buying an animal is not like buying goods**. Many people underestimate the task of keeping animals. Animals will inevitably become the victims of inappropriate keeping: in the worst case they are abandoned – in the best case they are found and then taken to the animal shelter. Therefore you should consider the following questions:

Your motives – your family

- Why do you want to own an animal and what do you expect from it?
- What type of animal suits you best?
- Do all family members and the owner of the house agree with the keeping of the animal?

Your environment

- Is there enough space available in your apartment for a large animal or only enough for a small animal?
- Can the animal you have selected move freely according to its needs (hop, jump, fly, etc.)?
- Are you also aware of certain negative aspects of keeping animals, such as dirt, hair, smell, noise, scratched furniture, angry neighbors?

Your financial means

- Can you financially afford an animal (costs for food, veterinarian, control stamps, training courses, holiday home, etc.)?

Time requirements

- Do you have enough time for a dog or should you buy an animal that requires less effort?
- Are you aware that for many years you will have to take the time every day to look after the animal properly?

Holidays/Vacation

- What will you do with your pet during your holidays? Will you take the animal along or do you have a good and reliable place where the animal can be cared for during your absence?
- Having a dog takes a lot of time and is not suitable for people who spend a lot of time away from home.

The species-appropriate keeping of animals

- Have you thoroughly informed yourself about the keeping, the habits and the needs of the animal you wish to have?
- Can you offer the animal a varied environment and contact with social partners so that it does not become lonely?
- Do you know about the possibilities and the importance of birth control?

If you have thought about everything thoroughly, then get in touch with us. If you have found your favorite animal, visit it several times in the animal shelter or in the dog station, in order to develop mutual confidence. As an independent information and advice center, we are committed to the welfare of animals and humans and are at your disposal at all times.

Please note: all animals at the animal shelter in Allenwinden are examined by a veterinarian, vaccinated, dewormed, treated against flea infestation, chipped and registered with ANIS (Animal Identity Service AG).