



ADOPTION POLICY

1. The outside area where the pet will be kept must be securely and entirely fenced and the gate to this area to be always kept closed and preferable locked (the pet should be supervised when the gate is open).
2. The walls and/or fences are to be of such a height that the dog cannot scale, jump over or climb through.
3. In case of puppies, old dogs, partially sighted/blind dogs, the swimming pool must be completely and securely fenced (enclosed) to prevent the dog entering it. In the case of healthy, adult dogs the animal is taken into the pool and shown where the steps are, so that they know how to get out should they fall in.
4. The pet may not be chained under any circumstances or abused either physically or psychologically.
5. A microchip tag, together with the AWS Philippi tag given to you when you adopt an animal, must be attached to the pet's collar immediately.
6. A dog's tail may not be docked, dog's ears may not be cropped and a dog may not be debarked. Cats may not be declawed. No mutilation of any kind is permitted.
7. The pet will be kept as a household pet and become a member of your family.
8. The pet is to sleep inside your home or a suitable sheltered environment.
9. The pet is to receive regular and adequate exercise.
10. The pet is to be kept free of fleas, ticks, and worms and to be in a healthy condition.
11. The pet is to be taken to a registered veterinary clinic/hospital should it become sick.
12. The pet is to be kept safe and secure during such times when it may be subjected to stress such as fire works celebrations, or should you move house.
13. Should the pet become lost, AWS Philippi must be advised immediately. Appropriate action to be taken to recover the pet, by contacting your local Animal Shelters and nearby Veterinary Clinics, Police Stations and an advert in the (lost) column of the newspaper and flyers distributed in your neighbourhood.
14. If the pet displays any sign of illness requiring veterinary attention for pre-existing condition within the first 7 day period of adoption, the animal must be returned to AWS Philippi for medical treatment. If, however, the owner elects to use his/her own private veterinarian, we will not refund any costs incurred.
15. AWS Philippi reserves the right to conduct follow-up visits to the adoptive home to ensure compliance with the conditions of adoption.
16. Should AWS Philippi find, during the follow-up visits, that one or more of these conditions are not adhered to, then new owners will, upon request, return the pet to us and any payment/donation made in respect of the animal will not be refunded.
17. The adoption fee may be refunded for any pet which is returned within 14 days from the date of adoption, after assessment.
18. The animal is to reside at the address given on the adoption form and AWS Philippi is to be notified of any changes.
19. If the animal is admitted for sterilisation and the vaccinations are not up-to-date, AWS Philippi will automatically vaccinate the animal at the owner's expense.

NB: Should the new owner be unable to keep the pet for any reason, ownership automatically reverts to AWS Philippi and the animal must be immediately returned to us. However, should this unhappy situation arise, it would be very much appreciated if the owner would endeavour to find a suitable new home for the animal which must, of course, be approved by AWS Philippi.