

HUMANE SOCIETY OF INDIANAPOLIS

“How do I choose a rescue for my pet?”



1. A responsible rescue always puts the best interests of all pets above personal ambition and profit.
2. A responsible rescue makes certain their pets are well socialized, adequately exercised, fed the best food and live in a clean, pest-free, well managed environment.
3. Immediate veterinary care is available and preventative veterinary care is always provided.
4. Responsible rescues know the importance of each pet's daily interaction with people. Without daily hands-on personal attention it's not possible to properly care for a rescued pet.
5. Spay and neuter of each pet must be done before the pets leave the rescue.
6. A responsible rescue NEVER has more pets than he/she can tend without additional help from an employee or family member. People, who function as collectors, merely hold pets ransom to use as icons for fund raising. Living in a crowded, substandard environment, existing on poor quality or generic pet food minus any cookies or treats is not humane treatment. Living without human companionship is no different than a puppy mill environment. Rescues are by virtue of their title, people who improve upon the conditions these pets have known.
7. Responsible rescues grab every opportunity to educate; they are diligent in screening potential homes, and will unselfishly mentor anyone to help their breed or an individual pet.
8. Responsible rescues recognize the importance of ethical behavior behind the scenes and in the public eye. They are honest, open, and constantly pursue excellence in education and placement.