

## CCFR Puppy Policy

Puppies are adopted out with their first three puppy vaccinations or no earlier than 3 months old. If the puppy has had fewer than 3 booster shots (but is over 3 months old), we strongly recommend following the vaccination protocol with your vet and not taking them to public areas where lots of dogs have been until after their third set of vaccinations. PACFA requires all puppies to be spayed and neutered before being adopted unless they have a vet note stating a specific medical condition in which the procedure would be a detriment to their health.

Because the puppy period of a dog's life is crucial to its development, behavior, socialization, and training, CCFR requires that an applicant must not leave the dog alone for any more hours than the dog's age in months. For example, an 8 wk old puppy (2mos) cannot be left alone longer than 2 hrs. A quick potty break at lunch does not count toward this requirement if the dog is being left alone 9 hours per day. If you do not meet this requirement, we will not be able to adopt a puppy to you at this time. We do not recommend crating any dog for more than 2 hours as a puppy and 4 hours as an adult.

IF YOU HAVE A SENIOR DOG, please consider them in your decision to adopt a puppy. Most senior dogs do not enjoy a puppy jumping on them or trying to play constantly. Many senior dogs have not been around puppies and may become jealous or impatient. We believe that an adopter's first commitment is to their current dog, whether it be a senior or not, and to consider their dog's needs above their desire to have another dog/puppy in the home.