



## Choosing a Veterinarian

### The Importance of Having A Family Veterinarian

As soon as you acquire a pet, you should develop a relationship with a veterinarian. Even though pets adopted from HSSV are fully vaccinated and examined by our staff veterinarians, you should have your family veterinarian examine your pet within 1-2 weeks of bringing your pet home. This allows your veterinarian to establish a baseline by which to compare should your pet develop any problems.

Your veterinarian can also serve as a resource to provide advice about feeding, grooming, training, etc.

Your pets should have an annual exam with your family veterinarian, while geriatric pets may require more visits. By seeing your pet at least annually, your family veterinarian may be able to detect subtle abnormal changes, problems in the very early stages. Your veterinarian can advise you on how best to meet changes if they can see how your pet is aging on a regular basis.

### How to Choose A Veterinarian

- Yellow pages, web search, family/friends/neighbors' recommendations
- What's important to you? Consider location and hours, practice size, clinic staff attitude, vet's experience, pet's preference, etc.
- Someone you trust and you and your pet are comfortable with

### Why Should You Have A Family Veterinarian?

- Familiarity with what's normal/healthy for your pet
- Resource for pet nutrition, behavior and training, grooming, and of course medical and preventive care
- A veterinarian that you trust should a problem arise with your pet

### When to Visit the Family Vet

- As soon as you acquire a pet
- Before problems arise
- At least annually for exams and early disease detection



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- A free exam within 10 days of adoption.
- 20% off any necessary vaccines, testing and/or treatment due at the time of initial exam.
- 25% off any surgical and/or dental procedures within 2 weeks of initial exam.

Please call to schedule an appointment and bring your adoption paperwork with you.