

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE YOU ADOPT

When you adopt, we are expecting you to keep the animal for life, not for the time you are here in Japan. An animal is not disposable. If, for any reason, you do not want to take the animal with you, it is your responsibility to find a new home for the animal. The facility may not have space to take the animal back. You will have to make arrangements for their travel when you PCS. You must be prepared for the cost, time, and effort to do this.

Cats carry a parasitic disease in their intestines called TOXOPLASMOSIS. People can get the disease by ingesting food or water contaminated by the cat's feces. Infection is minimal with proper hygiene. However, there is evidence to show that a pregnant woman that becomes infected can endanger her unborn child. A pregnant woman can minimize the risk by not handling the litter. Many people have cats and babies with no problems. The risk is small, but there is still a risk. If you are planning to get pregnant you should consider this before adopting.

Base policy mandates that cats are not allowed in most tower apartments. If you decide to disregard this policy it is your responsibility. If you are reported for having an animal in a tower the adoption facility is not obligated to take the animal back. We may not be able to take the animal back due to limited space.



Animals shed hair. You must be prepared for this. We have had people bring animals back to the facility because of animal hair in their house. If you don't like hair around your house and personal belongings we advise you not to adopt.

Animals make noise. Some are extremely vocal. If you aren't able to deal with the noise, please consider a quieter pet.

Animals have personalities. Some are loving, some are playful, some are grumpy, some are shy, and some are plain mean. We are unable to determine if the animal and the family will get along, which is why we require a fostering period. We advise on which animals could work with your family, but we aren't experts. Please be aware that after the animal is officially adopted, we have no obligation to take it back if you decide it isn't going to work out, due to limited space.

Small children can play boisterously with small animals and harm them. The animals can retaliate and harm the child. Small kittens have sharp claws. If you have very small children be aware of these facts.

We do not want to discourage you from adopting, but we also have a responsibility to the animals. We would like them to go to permanent homes. Moving an animal from home to home can be stressful for the animal. For these reasons we would like you to consider all of the issues listed before adopting.



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