



*Thank you for adopting from Texas Panhandle Pet Savers!*

We are excited that you have chosen to rescue an animal, and are committed to giving him/her a loving forever home. A few reminders on pet ownership, and TPPS adoption practices:

- We recommend you take your pet to a veterinarian of your choice within the first two weeks of ownership. Although we do our best to only adopt healthy animals, their health cannot be guaranteed, and it is a good practice to establish a relationship with your veterinarian early in your pet's life.
- If your pet has not been spayed or neutered, we will contact you with the appointment date at a vet office selected by TPPS. **Remember, your animal is required by law to be fixed.** Spaying and neutering is also critical in helping to control the pet population.
- We will register your pet's microchip, but **you are responsible for changing addresses and phone numbers** directly with 24-hour Pet Watch. You can do this online at <http://www.24petwatch.com/> or call (866) 597-2424. There may be a fee associated with making changes to your phone or address with the chip company.
- **It will take time for your pet to adjust to his or her new home.** Typically, animals settle in within a couple of weeks. For others, it may take a month or more. Many of our animals have been abandoned by their first owners or have "lived on the streets." They are great animals, but they may need time to feel safe and loved. Please give them time, and don't give up on them. They need your understanding, patience, and – most importantly – love.
- If you have questions regarding your pet or TPPS adoption practices, please email us at [info@texaspanhandlepetsavers.org](mailto:info@texaspanhandlepetsavers.org). Because our organization is run by volunteers, many of whom have full-time jobs, we are often not able to answer phone calls during the day. Email communication is the best way to ensure a response.
- Please mark your calendars now for your pet's annual vaccinations. You will not receive a reminder from TPPS about your pet's annual vaccines; it is up to you to ensure your animal gets his/her next annual vaccinations. You will receive a copy of your pet's vaccinations records, so you know when the next shots are due. ***It is critical your pet receive his/her vaccinations!*** We have seen parvo and distemper in the Texas Panhandle, and if your animal does not continue to get annual vaccinations, it is at risk of catching a disease. Again, this is why it is important to establish a relationship with a veterinarian of your choosing early in your pet's life.

Pet ownership is a true privilege that provides fun, memories and love for both the humans and the pets. ***Thanks again for adopting from us and giving a TPPS animal a loving forever home!***

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