

# How to Adopt from SBARC

## Find a Match

- View adoptable pets online at: <https://southbendin.gov>
- Visit the Resource Center to meet adoptable pets in person with an approved application.
- Talk to members of our staff to see who they feel would be a good fit for you & your family.

Some pets are in foster homes so be sure to check out our website for all available animals!

## Complete Application

Applications can be filled out in person or downloaded online at: <https://southbendin.gov/department/animal-resource-center/>

## Interview

SBARC staff and/or volunteers will speak with you to go over your application and make sure the adoption is a good fit for everyone.

## Meet & Greet

If you are adopting a dog and currently own dogs, we may require that you have a meet and greet to make sure they get along well.




## Finalize

Complete adoption paperwork and pay adoption fee.

## Enjoy!

Take your new friend home and make lots of memories together!

# Why Adopt?

-  Animals adopted from rescues & shelters are often fully vetted - saving you hundreds of dollars!
-  Adoption save lives! Not only are you bringing your new fur friend home, you are freeing up space to take care of another animal in need.
-  Bragging rights! You rescued a new friend and chose not to contribute to puppy mills and backyard breeding!



## Contact Us!

South Bend Animal Resource Center  
521 Eclipse Place  
South Bend, IN 46628  
574-235-9303

<https://southbendin.gov/SBARC>

[sbarc@southbendin.gov](mailto:sbarc@southbendin.gov)

Tips and complaints can be anonymous.



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# Adoption



The South Bend Animal Resource Center prevents animal cruelty and abandonment by promoting responsible, caring and compassionate attitudes towards animals.

SBARC's vision is to serve the South Bend community with programs and services that improve the welfare of animals.

With the motto "Open Door ~ Open Heart", SBARC will offer resources for animal care, supplies, education,

## What's Included in Adoption

When you adopt from SBARC your new pet will already be:

- 🐾 Microchipped
- 🐾 Spayed or Neutered
- 🐾 Vaccinated\*
- 🐾 Heartworm Tested (dogs)
- 🐾 FeLV/FIV Tested (cats)
- 🐾 Licensed for the First Year (for residents of South Bend)

What does this mean for you? You save a few hundred dollars in veterinary bills!

*\*Vaccines are given as age appropriate. If you are adopting a puppy, he or she may require additional vaccines.*

*Vaccines and veterinary expenses incurred after adoption are not covered by SBARC.*

## Adoption Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
11am - 4:30pm

**First Saturday of the Month**  
11am - 3pm

### Special Events

Follow us on Facebook to learn about special adoption events & promotions!



## Before You Bring Your New Pet Home

### 🐾 Purchase Supplies

- Food (old food and new)\*
- Collar / Harness & Leash
- Bowls - Water & Food
- Toys / Treats
- Name Tag (include contact your info.)
- Cleaning Spray (accidents are normal in new environments)
- Cat Box & Litter (cat)
- Crate (dog - encouraged to crate train)

### 🐾 Prepare Your Home

- Check Fence - make sure there are no holes for an escape
- "Baby Proof" - put away items you don't want accidentally damaged while training
- Set up bowls, cat pan, dog crate, etc.

### 🐾 Decide on Schedule & Training Techniques

- When will you feed your new pet?
- Will you need to come home in the middle of your shift for a potty break?
- How will you correct a pup who has an accident in the house?
- Have you instructed kids on how they should treat and interact with your new pet?

**\* Important Tip!** To avoid upset tummies (and messes!) you need to slowly transition your new pet from old food to new food. Buy a small bag of the food she is used to eating and over a couple of weeks gradually increase the amount of new food mixed with the old until you are feeding all new food.

## Bringing Your New Pet Home

### 🐾 Introduce Your New Pet Slowly

If you adopted a dog and have other dogs in the home, introduce them on neutral territory. Take them on a walk around the block, meet at a park, etc. Dogs can be territorial when someone new comes in and you don't want their relationship to start off on the wrong paw.

Don't overwhelm your new pet with meeting a whole bunch of people and going to a whole bunch of places - give them time to settle in!

### 🐾 Stick to the Schedule

Keeping a schedule for when your new pet will be fed, pottied, played with, put to bed, etc. helps your new pet to feel secure and comfortable.

### 🐾 Be Patient

New places can be scary and it may take your friend a while to feel comfortable and learn the new schedule, new rules, etc.

## Adoption Fees

### Dogs

\$85 for 6 months and older

\$100 for 5 months and younger

### Cats

\$35 for any age

We frequently run adoption specials! Follow us on Facebook to find out when and where!