

# New Adopter Workshop

**Where:** Humane Society of Charles County Humane Education Room or, weather permitting, Play Yard

**When:** March 6, April 3, May 1, May 22, and June 5, 2021 @ 10 am - noon

## The Objective of the Workshop

The workshop's goal is to present the participants with a basic understanding of what to look for when adopting a pet that fits their lifestyle. Attendees will gain a perspective on researching general traits of breeds and create a safe home for their new pet. The participant will learn how to identify critical indicators to assess a dog or cat's realistic expectations to find the ideal match.

The focus will center on a solution-based pedagogy turning "I can't" statements into "I can" thinking. We will stress full family participation for the most successful adoption possible.

## Specific Topics Covered During the Presentation

1. Assessing your current lifestyle, home environment, and time constraints in an average day.
2. Identify the basic needs and requirements a dog and cat need in a safe home.
3. Re-assessing how to adapt your lifestyle, home, time, and family responsibilities for a new pet.
4. Discuss the different behavior characteristics among the breeds. Use some well-behaved example dogs from the shelter as examples. (Use the AKC's website to give a general idea. Since many of them are mutts, talk about how each animal may trend towards one breed or the other).
5. Translating Shelter-Speak: Understanding specific shelter notations.
6. Giving your new pet a decompression period to settle in.
7. Training methods
8. To register for an Adoption Seminar please scan this QR code
9. or visit this link:



10. <https://humanesocietycc.networkforgood.com/events/28777-post-adoption-seminar>