

## OUTDOOR ADOPTIONS POLICY

GCHS encourages outdoor adoptions for cats and dogs from April 1 to October 1 annually. All potential adopters must agree to a pre-site inspection prior to adoption. All outdoor adoptions are approved by the Executive Director.

### **Procedures:**

- All applicants must complete an outdoor adoption application which includes a personal reference and a reference by their veterinarian.
- Executive Director will notify the Outdoor Committee Chair to set up the inspection date.
- Animals must be completely contained in a building for the first three weeks to acclimate to their new home.
- All outdoor homes must have access to a warm shelter with continuous access to clean water, food, and bedding.
- Care must be available to injured or ailing animals. GCHS does its best to adopt out healthy animals, however, there is no guarantee of the health of any animal.
- Adopted animals must be checked daily to insure that they are in good health and are safe.
- Shelter must be far enough from major thoroughfares and potentially hazardous equipment.
- Outdoor homes with aggressive dogs or other aggressive animals will not be considered.

*Effective 10/14/09*