

Animals looking for a home :

Interested in opening your heart and home to a pet of your own through HESY? Visit with our cats and small animals at the Animal Protection Center. Facilities are open to the public Monday through Friday and Sunday 15-18. Please note, pet attendants will respond to call back requests between 15-17 on weekdays only, we appreciate your understanding.

It might be helpful to also note that HESY home page's lists of adoptable animals are not 100% up-to-date. New animals are continuously being treated and may meet potential new owners before being listed online.

The Helsinki Animal Welfare Association matches animals to adult persons living in the Helsinki Metropolitan Area. The new caretaker complies with the terms of delivery and promises to take good care of the animal.

Treatment and donation fee :

Before being handed over to a new home, all animals will undergo a veterinary inspection. Cats, dogs, rabbits and other larger animals are identified by a microchip and tattoo. In addition, they are vaccinated and given deworming treatment. Adult cats and males are spayed and neutered. When adopting a kitten or puppy the guardian undertakes to bring them to the Animal Protection Center by the age of 1 year.

An adoption fee will be charged for the chosen animal which covers part of the veterinary costs incurred for its care. The adoption fee depends on the animal and its age, for example an adult cat adoption fee is 120 euros and an adult rabbit is 50 euros. The kitten's 170 euro adoption fee also includes cat surgery to spay and neuter. The adoption fee for the dogs starts at 250 euros. Adoption fees for 2019 can be found [here](#).

Animals are not handed over on the first visit, but require a reflection period. An on-call animal nurse interviews everyone who is considering purchasing an animal. On this basis, the nurse is able to make recommendations on the suitability of the animals personality as it correlates to the potential animal owner. If you are looking for a cat friend for your cat, please bring your cat's vaccination cards and make sure your cat's vaccinations are up to date.

When bringing your pet home :

When your animal is ready to leave HESY for their new home, be sure to take with you the following: A) a bank card or cash for the donation fee (eg 120 euros for an adult cat), B) photo ID and C) pet carrier for safe transport.

Other considerations :

An animal purchased from HESY may not be re-homed without the association's permission. If it becomes necessary that an animal donated by the association is to be abandoned, the association will look for a new home for the animal in co-operation with the old home. The association will conclude a donation agreement with the new home of the animal.

Animals taken from HESY must be walked out in a controlled manner. For example, the association does not hand over the animals to be so-called free-roaming. The cat can be used for outdoor activities in the harness or in the catwalk.

Vaccination of a pre-existing cat or dog in a family must be recognized as valid before a new animal friend is acquired. Vaccinations for cats and dogs should be renewed every year or two.

HESY dogs :

All HESY dogs are kept in homes that are not open to the public. For more information about the dogs, please call HESY during the weekdays. Dogs are sterilized / castrated unless the veterinarian decides otherwise. HESY is looking for homes for dogs where they can spend the rest of their lives. We do not give dogs to homes for a temporary period. HESY dogs are subject to the same delivery **terms** as cats and small animals.

Other entities for animal acquisition :

We have a lot of customer-submitted announcements about animals that have to change home. Come to the Animal Protection Center to see the announcements or call us on 09 54 200 100 and ask for more information.

More animals searching for homes can be found at [Kodittomat.info](https://www.kodittomat.info) and HESY member organizations:

Päijät-Häme Animal Protection Association in Lahti

KSEY in Kouvola

Mikkeli Animal Protection Association

Cat Disaster Association in Pirkanmaa

Cat Home and Help Association in Öllölä