**Resources for Adoption Counselors and Adopters**

Adoption counselors can expect to be asked a variety of questions before, during and after adoption. What follows is a brief reading list to help counselors get up to speed on common pet care issues. We want to hear about your favorite resources related to pet care info. Share your top picks by sending us an [e-mail](mailto:adopterswelcome@humanesociety.org).

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| **HSUS website:** [humanesociety.org/pet\_tips](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/pet_care_behavior_tip_sheets.html) |
| The HSUS offers a long list of tip sheets for pet owners that you can copy and paste into a document with your contact information. All we ask is that you credit us as a source. |
| **HSUS Cat Answer Tool:** [humanesociety.org/catanswertool](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/cats/cat_problem_solver/) |
| This tool offers solutions to a variety of common cat behavior problems. Some of the problems addressed include litter box issues, scratching and chewing things, hiding, biting and fighting with other cats. This tool can help with staff and volunteer training and be promoted to pet owners as a resource. |
| **Pam Johnson-Bennett:** [catbehaviorassociates.com](http://www.catbehaviorassociates.com/) |
| Pam provides great resources focused on solving cat behavior problems for pet owners. |
| **HSUS Animal Sheltering:** [animalsheltering.org](http://www.animalsheltering.org/) |
| In addition to accessing issues of *Animal Sheltering* Magazine, you can stay current on all the tools The HSUS has to offer. Be sure to sign up for [*The Scoop*](http://www.animalsheltering.org/scoop-sign-up.html)*!* to have the latest news delivered directly to your e-mail inbox. |
| **Heartworm Society:** [heartwormsociety.org](https://www.heartwormsociety.org/) |
| Get info on how to protect pets from heartworm disease and why it’s important for owners. |
| **Indoor Pet Initiative:** [indoorpet.osu.edu](https://indoorpet.osu.edu/) |
| This amazing tool from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine can help counselors and adopters discover tips for helping pets live happily indoors. |
| **Living with Kids and Dogs:** [livingwithkidsanddogs.com](http://livingwithkidsanddogs.com/) |
| Discover resources from Colleen Pelar for helping families with children live safely and happily with dogs. |
| **Professional Development Links:** [*animalsheltering.org/faq*](http://www.animalsheltering.org/how-we-help/strengthen-your-shelter/shelter-rescue-common-ques.html) |
| Search under “Professional Development” to find links to a variety of websites that provide additional resources and training for adoption and more. |
| **APDT:** [*apdt.com*](https://apdt.com/) |
| The Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT) is a professional organization of individual trainers who are committed to becoming better trainers through education. This site offers resources your counselors and your adopters can both use. |
| **HSUS Guide to Cat Behavior Counseling:** [*animalsheltering.org/catbehaviorguide*](http://www.animalsheltering.org/page/guide-cat-behavior-counseling) |
| This guide provides comprehensive information, giving you the confidence to advise cat owners when they call prepared to give up their pet for a behavior issue. This tool can help with staff and volunteer training. |