

Meet the Adopters: Facilitator's Guide



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Introduction

The field of animal welfare and education is constantly, and quickly, evolving. In 1999, American Humane Association and PetSmart Charities® sponsored Adoption Forum I – inviting leaders of animal shelters from around the country to examine our typical adoption criteria for its validity and effectiveness. During that forum, the concept of “open adoptions” was heavily discussed.

In open adoptions, the counseling process is an interview instead of a series of tests that the adopter must pass in order to adopt an animal. Rather than trying to evaluate whether an adopter is a “responsible pet owner,” the adoption counselor practicing open adoptions tries to make a good match between the adopter and the animal, and is responsible for providing education that will help adopters succeed with their animals.

But simply telling adopters what they need to know isn’t “education.” As your agency transitions to an open adoption process (or enhances the process if it is already in place), the Meet the Adopters concepts and practice tasks can help your staff develop the skills and confidence to facilitate learning at the adoption counter.

About Meet the Adopters

The Meet the Adopters workshop helps those who work in shelters, rescues, and animal controls to increase animal adoptions and improve their quality. Through this workshop, participants can develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes to facilitate adoptions that:

- Emphasize learning, and
- Support the development of quality relationships between adopters and the adoption agency and staff.

In this workshop, participants examine how adults learn in order to apply adult learning principles and practices to adoption counseling. By shifting the focus to learning, your agency can engage your adopters in the information they’ll need to succeed with their new animals, lay the groundwork for them to return to you for help as needed, and improve the quality of your adoptions overall—while also improving your relationship with your community.

Meet the Adopters was developed by ASPCA® with a grant from the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, a *KeyBank Trust*. Our objective is to significantly improve adoption numbers and community relations throughout the field by:

- teaching the basics of adult learning, and
- combining adult-learning theory with adoption best practices from around the country.

Credits

This workshop draws on:

- The *Report on Adoption Forum II*. Adoption Forum II, sponsored by PetSmart Charities®, convened in Phoenix, Arizona January 16 – 17, 2003. The report is available free at: www.petsmart.com/charities/adoption_forum.pdf.
- Proceedings from American Humane Association's 1999 Adoption Forum, sponsored by PetSmart Charities®
- Research reported by the National Council on Pet Overpopulation Study and Policy www.petpopulation.org, in the Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science www.psyeta.org/jaaws/, in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association www.avma.org/publications/, and that conducted by the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association
- Learning to Listen, Learning to Teach – An Introductory Course in Dialogue Education, Global Learning Partners, Inc., Toronto, Ontario, www.globalelearning.com.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is intended to help you, the workshop facilitator, plan, prepare and deliver the tasks that make up the Meet the Adopters workshop.

Use this guide to:

- Decide how you will schedule the workshop: a one-day event or perhaps in a series of regular mini-workshops focused on specific tasks
- Decide who among your staff and volunteers should attend
- Assemble the materials you and the participants will need during the workshop
- Prepare participants for the workshop
- Review facilitator notes for each workshop task
- Complete follow-up activities that keep the momentum for learning-centered adoptions alive

Presenting this Workshop

The complete Meet the Adopters workshop consists of:

- A modest pre-work assignment for participants
- Five tasks that you and the participants complete together during the workshop
- A follow-up task that you complete to help the learning that went on in the workshop to "stick" when everyone is back on the job

While we think it is most effective to have participants complete the entire workshop, we have designed the materials so that you can offer individual tasks that you feel are most appropriate for your agency.

- This guide includes facilitator notes for each task that specify the amount of time and the materials needed to complete the task.
- The participant materials for each task are available from www.ASPCApro.org in separate documents so that you can download and reproduce the documents for tasks you'll present.

Workshop Supplies

You'll need the following supplies:

- Flipcharts (one is sufficient, but two is more convenient)
- Thick markers in various colors (for legibility on flipchart pages)
- Masking tape
- Pads of sticky notepaper, such as Post It® Notes, 3" x 5" or larger; at least one pad per participant
- Pens for all participants
- Optional:
 - Pipe cleaners to keep idle hands busy while thinking is going on
 - Table/desk, 2 chairs, and some sheets of paper, if you decide to role-play the adoption case story in Task 3

In addition, you'll need to obtain copies of the following for each participant:

- *Report on Adoption Forum II*, which is available from www.petsmart.com/charities/adoption_forum.pdf
- The participant materials for each task you are presenting, available from the ASPCA® National Outreach website, www.aspcapro.org
- Your agency's adoption paperwork, including application, adoption agreement, release forms, and any other materials used during the adoption process

The Workshop Learning Space

To facilitate learning in this workshop, we recommend holding the workshop in a comfortable location that is removed from the daily distractions of the work environment (preferably in a tropical resort). We recognize that this is possibly an unattainable luxury for many agencies, so here are the minimum requirements for your learning space:

- A room that is large enough for all participants to sit comfortably and to see you, the other participants, and anything that is posted on a flipchart or wall
- Chairs and tables that can be arranged for small groups to work together
- Walls that can have flipchart pages taped or tacked to them

If these requirements are a stretch for you, here are a few ideas for making the best of the space you have available:

- If the sight lines in the room are not good:
 - Move about the room when you present information rather than standing in one spot throughout the workshop.
 - Station flipcharts in spots where the most people can see them, even if they are not the most convenient spots for you.
 - Ask participants to choose new seats after breaks; for example, "Everyone who sat at the front tables should now find seats at the back..."
- If chairs and tables can't be rearranged, consider reserving areas outside the meeting room for partner and small-group work. For example, you might designate empty staff offices, a break room, hallways, or staircases for break-out areas during the workshop.
- If seating is uncomfortable (hot, cold, cramped, ergonomically bad, etc.), build in mini-breaks, just long enough for people to stand up and stretch in place.

Participants' Pre-Work

We recommend distributing the *Report on Adoption Forum II* to participants at least a week before the workshop and encouraging everyone to read it. Based on input from animal sheltering leaders throughout the country, this 20-page document summarizes the elements of successful adoptions, the potential that open adoptions have for saving more animal lives, and the challenges and other realities of implementing this approach. You can download the report from the PetSmart Charities® website:

www.petsmart.com/charities/adoption_forum.pdf and reproduce copies as needed.

We also recommend that you encourage participants to explore one or more of the adoption program profiles in the Live Release area of www.ASPCApro.org.

This exploration will give participants a feel for the kinds of programming that is possible via the open-adoption approach.

Using the Facilitator Notes

This guide contains facilitator notes for each workshop task. These notes provide the following information:

- Task goal, key activities, estimated duration, and materials required
- Key points to help you present the content for each activity
- Training tips that help you lead the group effectively


Use these notes with the corresponding participant materials for each task. You may want to assemble a 3-ring binder for yourself that includes both the facilitator notes and the participant materials, marked up with your own notes for presenting the content.

The estimated durations for the workshop tasks will vary depending on the number of participants and the amount of discussion that occurs. If you present the workshop tasks in separate meetings, you may want to build in some extra time for a quick review of previous tasks before beginning the new task.

If off-topic issues and lengthy discussions occur, you can create a "parking lot" to keep participants focused on the task at-hand without shutting off the flow of ideas. At the beginning of the workshop, label a flipchart page "Parking Lot" and post it prominently in the room. Explain to participants that if off-topic issues emerge, or discussion is overrunning the time allotted, you'll post the issues in the Parking Lot and return to the scheduled activity. The group then can decide to return to issues in the parking lot if time allows during the workshop, on their breaks, or at separate gatherings.

Using the Participant Handouts

In keeping with the adult learning principles taught in this workshop, the participant handouts are designed to provide a visual guide for the learners. The purpose of each task is identified in the handouts, along with easy-to-follow instructions. This makes the job of the facilitator easier, and it allows the participants to focus on the work rather than struggling to understand the intent of each task and the instructions.

An open question at the end of each task, identified with this symbol , asks participants to review what they've learned and identify a specific way to put that learning into practice. This is an important aspect of making the material relevant and immediate for the participants.

Meet the Adopters: Agenda

	<i>Welcome – Introductions, Agenda, Purpose</i>	10 minutes
Task 1	Defining Successful Adoptions	60-85 minutes
	<i>Break</i>	15 minutes
Task 2	Applying Adult Learning to Adoption Counseling	55-75 minutes
Task 3	Learning from Mistakes	50-70 minutes
	<i>Lunch</i>	40-50 minutes
Task 4	Engaging Adopters with Open Questions	45-60 minutes
	<i>Break</i>	15 minutes
Task 5	Transitioning to Learning-Centered Adoptions	55-85 minutes
	<i>Wrap-up, Feedback & Next Steps</i>	10 minutes

The actual time you'll need for each task depends on the size of the group and how much time is allotted for group discussion. Thoughtful discussion is important to adult learning. You can break your workshop participants into pairs, trios and small groups in order to increase participation in discussion while still adhering to finite time boundaries.

Task 1: Defining Successful Adoptions

Goal: Prepare participants to challenge their own beliefs about adoption and to entertain new thinking about adopters and the adoption process.

- Key Activities:**
- Examining the adoption "market share"
 - Defining a successful adoption
 - Creating the space for new thinking

Duration: 60 - 85 minutes

- Materials:**
- Copy of the Report on Adoption Forum II for each student
 - Flipchart and marker

Where Do Americans Acquire Their Pets? [20-30 min.]

Present the pie charts and statistics on pages 1-1 and 1-2, giving the group time to examine the information.

Ask the group, "What surprises you about these percentages?"

After reviewing the dog and cat charts, you may want to:

- Ask "Before you saw these charts, what did you think were the sources of pets?"
- Draw a chart showing these percentages, and compare this chart to charts created from the survey results.

Ask the group to generate a list in answer to this question, "Why do you think shelter adoptions represent such a small percent of the market share?"

- Write these ideas on a flip chart entitled "Why shelters = small % of market".
- Keep this flip chart up throughout all of the learning tasks and look for opportunities to relate conversations back to this content.

Defining a Successful Adoption [20-30 min.]

✓ Drawing pictures or diagrams engages the affective learning domain. This increases both attention and retention.

Participants articulate (through pictures or diagrams) their own description of a successful adoption and compare it to that defined in the *Report on Adoption Forum II*.

To enhance discussion, ask about:

- Differences between the report and individual views
- Whether individual descriptions incorporated post-adoption behavior of adopters (see Forum report, page 5), and if so, which behaviors
- Returns as a positive component of the adoption process

Creating the Space for New Thinking [20-25 min.]

Set the stage for this task by explaining that asking questions is a good way to get people thinking in new ways. After you or the group read the instructions, offer an example of your own to get them started.

Standing in a circle has important advantages:

- ✓ *Participants move and get their blood flowing.*
- ✓ *Everyone can see each other.*
- ✓ *Participants better retain the experience of questioning their own beliefs and listening to others' questions.*

- After participants have jotted down answers, ask everyone to stand in a circle so that you can all see each other.
- Going around the circle, ask each participant to say their "now I wonder" statement.
- If a participant uses "now I think" or similar phrasing, ask her/him to reword the statement using "now I wonder."

It's through expressing uncertainties that we open pathways to new ways of thinking.

Task 2: Applying Adult Learning to Adoptions

Goal: *Introduce basic principles for adult learning, and generate specific suggestions for applying these principles to the adoption experience.*

Key Activities:

- *Discussing 20/40/80 percent retention of information*
- *Defining five principles for successful adult learning*
- *Generating specific examples of the principles that apply to adoptions*

Duration: 55 – 75 minutes

Materials:

- *Flipchart and marker*
- *Sticky notes and pens for participants*

20/40/80 Percent Retention of Information [10 min.]

✓ *For more information about these learning principles, see Learning: The Critical Technology by Marcia L. Connor et al for Wave Technologies International, Inc.*

Research indicates that better retention seems to occur when you present new information in ways that involve multiple areas of the brain. Learners then have multiple neural pathways to later retrieve the information.

Ask participants to reflect on their own experiences learning something brand new and share them in pairs or small groups.

Five Principles to Enhance Adult Learning [15-20 min.]

Ask participants to read/review the principles in their handout while you label flipchart pages with each principle. Post the pages around the room.

✓ *Leave plenty of room under the definitions. You'll be using the pages again in the next activity.*

As a group, create a one-sentence definition of each principle, and write these definitions on the corresponding flipchart pages.

Adult Learning in the Adoption Experience [30-45 min.]

- ✓ *If possible, create groups that require people to change their seats.*
- ✓ *If your group is too small to divide into 6 groups, divide the group in half and assign 3 principles to each group.*

Organize participants in six small groups, and assign each group to an adult learning principle (including 20/40/80% retention).

Each group writes down one or two **specific** examples of applying their principle to the adoption experience on sticky notes and then posts them on the flipchart page. After two to three minutes, move all groups to a new flip chart and give them the same assignment. Repeat as time allows so that participants get to practice as many of the principles as possible.

Review the examples as a group [10-15 min.]:

- If needed, move a sticky note with an example that the group decides illustrates a different principle than where it is posted.
 - For example, if a safety example demonstrates engagement more than safety, move it to the engagement page.
 - There will be some overlap in many examples, and this is OK.
- As a group, revise any examples that could be more specific or that don't clearly demonstrate a principle for adult learning.
 - Ask a participant to create a new sticky note with the revised example, and post this on the page. Discard the old sticky note.

Options if time allows:

- Do another round – or a general brainstorm with the whole group – to generate even more specific examples for applying the adult learning principles in your adoption counseling.
- Identify which of these ideas you want to start implementing right away (you can start with the easy ideas or with the most exciting ideas). What steps do you need to take to implement?
- Choose one principle and do a speed brainstorm – asking the group to come up with as many possibilities as they can in three minutes.

Task 3: Learning from Mistakes

Goal: *By converting mistakes into learning opportunities, consider whether we can become more open-minded about who "qualifies" as an adopter.*

Key Activities:

- *Checking the validity of typical adoption criteria*
- *Discussing how we may have learned from a past mistake with an animal*
- *Learning how to turn adoption counseling "mistakes" into counseling successes*

Duration: 50-70 minutes

Materials:

- *Chair for you, if needed*
- *Flipchart and marker*
- *Sticky notes and pens for participants*
- *Props for adoption role play (optional): 2 chairs, table/desk, paperwork*

Did You Always Meet All the Adoption Criteria? [10 min.]

✓ *In this activity, it's important to maintain a safe learning environment: no one should feel singled out or made uncomfortable about any of their past mistakes.*

✓ *Be sure to have a chair handy for yourself if YOU have ever failed any of the adoption criteria.*

Introduce this activity by explaining that its intent is to give participants the opportunity to understand the difference between the intentions of our adoption criteria and the outcomes.

Ask participants to stand by their chairs. Explain that you will read a list of typical adoption criteria used in shelters and rescue groups around the country. If any of the criteria has ever applied to a participant, the participant should sit down and remain seated.

- If one of your animals was ever hit by a car
- If you had an animal that ran away from home
- If you didn't have a fenced yard for your dog
- If you've ever kept an animal without your landlord's permission
- If you've ever surrendered an animal to a shelter
- If you've had an animal that was not kept current on vaccinations

Ask participants to look around the room and notice how many potential adopters, from a group committed to animal welfare, have just been eliminated by these common criteria.

What Have You Learned from Past Mistakes with Your Animals? [10-15 min.]

- ✓ *You can increase the safety for participants by giving examples when introducing learning tasks.*
- ✓ *If possible, pair people who have not yet worked together.*

Organize participants in pairs. Each person tells their partner a brief story about a time when she or he personally learned about being a better pet owner from a mistake they made. To start them off, give an example: "For example, perhaps you learned the traditional approach to training – the correction method – and inadvertently trained your dog to be afraid of training as a result."

Participants should tell each other:

- How the learning took place
- What made it possible for the participant to learn

As a group, discuss ways in which our own experiences of mistakes as learning experiences might be applied to the adoption process.

Turning Adoption Counseling Mistakes into Counseling Successes [30-45 min.]

- ✓ *If you have a co-facilitator and time to prepare, consider presenting the case story as a role play. This is a great opportunity to model some nonverbal factors – such as body language and arrangement of furnishings in the adoption area - that work against adult learning and frustrate well-intended adopters.*
- ✓ *Watching the case story "live" provides a far more vivid and engaging experience for participants.*

Ask participants to read the Adoption Counseling Case Study in their handouts. When they finish, they then analyze the case study with their partner from the previous exercise using the questions that follow the study. (If you choose to do a role play, participants can still work in pairs to answer the questions afterward.)

While they are working, write "Suggestion Box" at the top of a flipchart page. Ask participants to write their suggestions for the adoption counselor on sticky notes and post the notes in the Suggestion Box.

Review and discuss the suggestions with the group.

- Remember to keep the learning environment safe and respectful by acknowledging that adoption counseling is difficult and we all make mistakes. Our objective now is to determine how to turn our mistakes into valuable learning opportunities.
- Make sure that the conversation is safe for all by focusing not on what people did wrong previously but on what they've discovered about why they might make mistakes and/or what they want to do differently in the future.

Ask the participants to complete the last activity with their partner, in which they reflect on a personal experience with an adopter in which the participant became stuck or reactive. Participants then use the questions in their handout to analyze with their partner what happened in the situation and how they might handle it differently in light of new information about adult learning.

Reassemble as a group to discuss the participants' insights from the activities in this task.

Task 4: Engaging Adopters with Open Questions

Goal: *Distinguish between open and closed questions: how they are formed and the kinds of information each elicits. Practice creating adoption-related open questions.*

- Key Activities:**
- *Defining open questions: what is and is not an open question, and why open questions are valuable*
 - *Practicing turning closed questions into open questions*
 - *Identifying and then revising closed questions in your adoption paperwork*

Duration: 45 – 60 minutes

Materials: Copies of your adoption forms for participants

What are Open Questions? [5–10 min.]

Review the definition of an open question from the participants' handout. Contrast this definition with a closed question:

- A closed question has an expected answer. The listener may assume – often accurately – that there is one correct answer to the question.
- A closed question is defined by the questioner's assumptions. For example, "What kind of fence do you have for your yard?" assumes that the adopter has a fence – and has a yard. An apartment dweller answering this question immediately feels they are at a disadvantage, even if they live across the street from a dog park and go for a 5-mile run every morning.
- Closed questions can make an adopter feel as if they are taking a test. The adopter may focus more on responding with the "right" answers than seriously reflecting on the real issue, such as their plans for exercising their dog.

Ask participants to share any experiences they've had with open and closed questions in the adoption process, either as an adopter or an adoption counselor.

Designing Open Questions [25–35 min.]

- ✓ *If possible, pair people who have not yet worked together.*
- ✓ *Participants can use the examples in their handout for help with phrasing open questions.*

Organize participants in pairs. Each pair comes up with one or more open questions for each closed question. Next, each partner takes turns asking each other the open questions and answering them honestly (as if the participant were the adopter).

As a group:

- Share some of the open questions created for each closed question.
- Discuss advantages – and drawbacks – of using open questions.

Using Open Questions in Your Adoption Process [15 min.]

Consider your adoption paperwork and identify a couple of questions that – if changed to open questions – could improve your adoption counseling.

Task 5: Transitioning to Learning-Centered Adoptions

Goal: *Generate ideas large and small to apply adult learning principles, open questions, and open-mindedness towards adopters to your adoption process.*

Key Activities:

- *Identifying what you are already doing well in your adoption process*
- *Identifying improvements to your strengths, and defining the steps to implement the improvements*

Duration: 55 - 85 minutes

Materials: Flipchart pages and markers

Identifying the Strengths of Your Adoption Process [15–25 min.]

✓ You may want to ask one or two participants to write the strengths on the flipchart pages as the group brainstorms. This helps keep the ideas flowing freely while you capture what's been said.

As a group, identify aspects of your current adoption process that enhance the learning for adopters. Record these on flipchart pages.

At a minimum, you should consider the following areas:

- How your adoption area is set up
- How you greet and orient visitors interested in adopting
- Counseling that you provide
- Forms that you use
- Materials that you make available to adopters
- Follow-up with adopters
- Evaluation of the adoption experience

Brainstorming: What Will Make Your Process Even Better? [20-30 min.]

Depending on the number of participants, you may want to organize participants in pairs or small groups. Assign one strength to each pair/group. Ask participants to identify:

- Improvements to the adoption process that build on these successes, and
- The actions/resources needed to implement them.

Participants record this information in their handouts.

- If there are lots of strengths, prioritize them based on those the participants have the most enthusiasm for. These improvements have a good chance of being embraced in the organization.
- Remind participants to **apply the 6 adult learning principles** in their suggestions, and to **be specific**.
- Encourage participants to look through the *Report on Adoption Forum II* for ideas.

Making It So [20-30 min.]

Review the group's findings, and make specific plans for implementation:

- Review the improvements as a group and agree on action items that individual participants will take on to get these enhancements to your process underway.
- Record these items and the person they're assigned to on a flipchart page.
- Schedule a follow-up or progress check to keep the momentum alive. This might be a staff meeting or one-on-one/small group meetings at which you:
 - Review progress
 - Troubleshoot any roadblocks
 - Identify the next action items

✓ *Having the participants commit out loud to even a small change is empowering both for the individual and the group.*

Ask participants to identify one small step they personally will take to begin improving the learning for adopters and to share that step with the group.

- Consider having participants stand in a circle, as they did in Task 1, and go around the circle to share steps.
- You may want to set this up so that learning partners keep track of each other's commitments and give some positive reinforcement to their partners when they put their commitment into action.

Things to Do to Continue the Learning

Here are some suggestions for post-workshop activities that you can initiate with your staff to help everyone stay focused on creating a learning environment and on keeping the space created for new thinking (back in Task 1) wide open:

- Practice teaching each other fun things just for the practice of applying adult learning principles to enhance learning. For example, how to balance a spoon on your nose, how to use a new computer program or game, how to recite the alphabet in another language, etc. Whatever you choose to teach for fun, focus on using as many of the adult learning principles as possible.
- Watch a video on positive reinforcement training with dogs (or other animals). Look for all of the aspects of positive reinforcement with animals that could be applied to working with people. Identify specific ways to use positive reinforcement with adopters at the adoption counter.
- Visit a children's or science museum and discover all of the ways the museum is putting adult learning principles into practice. Based on these examples, what could you adapt and implement in the adoption center?
- When shopping or dining in your community, look for the ways you see adult learning principles in action. Notice how these principles work to facilitate your own learning. Share these observations amongst your staff and look for ways to implement similar ideas in your agency.
- Set up a team-learning challenge. Watch each other for instances of putting adult learning into practice and give each other praise and/or some other form of positive reinforcement.
- Focus on one learning principle for a week or a month and have your full staff work at understanding and implementing that principle throughout their work.
- Put chocolate out at the adoption counter so you have positive reinforcement handy to offer to staff, volunteers and the visiting public.
- Invite an ASPCA National Outreach staff member to visit your adoption center to conduct an audit to determine where you're facilitating learning for adopters and where/how you could be doing even more to facilitate learning. E-mail outreach@aspc.org.