



Santa Rosa County Animal Services Department

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## ADOPTION POLICY

The primary purpose of our shelter is to-

- Provide care for homeless, abandoned, and unwanted domestic animals
- Provide temporary care for lost pets until the owner can be located
- Relieve the suffering of injured, disabled, diseased, or unwanted animals
- Place adoptable animals with suitable and responsible pet owners

### ADOPTION FEES

#### DOGS

<b>Unaltered:</b>	<b>\$15.00 + Cost of Alter</b>
<b>Already spayed/neutered:</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

#### CATS

<b>Unaltered:</b>	<b>\$10.00 + Cost of Alter</b>
<b>Already spayed/neutered:</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>

**ADOPTERS MUST PRE-PAY AT A VETERINARIAN IN SANTA ROSA COUNTY OF YOUR CHOICE FOR THE SPAY OR NEUTER BEFORE THE ANIMAL LEAVES THE SHELTER.**

**DOGS AND CATS CAN BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED AT SIX (6) MONTHS OF AGE. ANIMALS OLD ENOUGH TO BE ALTERED WILL BE TRANSPORTED FROM THE SHELTER BY ANIMAL SERVICES TO THE VETERINARIAN FOR ALTERING AND PICKED UP BY THE ADOPTER. IF YOU ARE ADOPTING A KITTEN OR PUPPY UNDER THE AGE OF SIX (6) MONTHS, YOU WILL BE GIVEN A DATE WHEN THE STERILIZATION IS REQUIRED BY. RABIES VACCINATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY (4) MONTHS OF AGE.**

All adoptions are on a first come, first serve basis. The first qualified applicant will receive the animal. An animal will not be held for anyone due to the demands on staff and kennel space.

Person(s) desiring to adopt an animal(s) will complete an application. An Animal Services Kennel Technician will interview and ask several questions regarding your qualifications to adopt an animal. Approved applicants will return a copy of receipt for altering and sign an adoption contract. Please be sure to read your adoption contract carefully before signing.

**IF STERILIZATION IS NOT VERIFIED WITHIN THE DATE STATED ON THE ADOPTION CONTRACT, ANIMAL SERVICES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RECLAIM THE ANIMAL, THE ADOPTER MAY BE FINED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT.**