



Santa Rosa County Animal Services

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ADOPTION POLICY

**WELCOME TO THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES SHELTER.
THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS SHELTER IS TO:**

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

ADOPTION FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DOGS:

All Counties:

Unaltered **\$15.00**

If dog has already been spayed/neutered: **\$20.00**

CATS:

All Counties:

Unaltered **\$10.00**

If cat has already been spayed/neutered: **\$15.00**

If sterilization is not verified within the stated time on the "adoption contract", Animal Services will reclaim the animal, the adopter may be fined and required to appear in court.

A dog or cat may be spayed or neutered at 6 months of age. If you are adopting a kitten or puppy, they must be 8 weeks of age and you will be given ample time on the contract to have the animal sterilized.

You must pre-pay at a Santa Rosa veterinarian of your choice for a spay or neuter before the animal leaves the shelter. All animals that are old enough to be altered will be transported from the shelter by Animal Services directly to the vet for altering.

Before an animal can be adopted, you will be interviewed and asked several questions regarding your qualifications to adopt an animal.

There is a mandatory 24-hour waiting period before adoptions are completed. This time period is to verify adoption information and to evaluate the pet for health reasons.

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

TRY TO UNDERSTAND THAT GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS IS THE BEST POLICY FOR BOTH THE ADOPTER AND THE ANIMAL. A POOR ADOPTION CAN BE DEVASTATING FOR THE OWNER AND THE PET.

Read your adoption contract carefully before signing.