

LA PORTE COUNTY SMALL ANIMAL SHELTER  
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**WELCOME!**

Thank you for coming to the La Porte Comity Small Animal Shelter to adopt a pet.

Please read this before looking at the animals

1. When you see an animal that interests you, or have any questions, ask for assistance at the office. Please have the shelter staff take any animals out of the cage for you to allow you to spend time with them.
2. You decide to adopt an animal, you will be asked to fill out an application.
3. When you have completed the application, a hold will be placed on the animal. Placing a hold on an animal keeps the animal for you for 24 hours. The only way to ensure that an animal will be here tomorrow is to put a hold on it today. The 24 hours gives the adopter time to think this very important step over and avoids adopting on impulse. The hold also gives the shelter time to look over the application and decide if the adoption is in the best interest of the animal(s) and the people involved.
4. After you complete the application it will be reviewed with you. You will then be asked to call back the next morning after 10:00 am to check on the status of the application.
5. When you call back the next day, you will be asked to help with any questions that might remain. When everything is complete, you will be informed as to whether the application has been approved or denied. My questions concerning disapproval will be directed to the shelter supervisor.

For approved applicants only.

6. You will be asked to set up an appointment to pick up the animal(s) and to fill out the adoption contracts and pay the adoption fee.

NOTE: A valid ID. With current address is required to complete adoption contracts. *Aft* adoption fees must be paid in cash.

All animal are required to be transported in a safe manner. Be sure to bring a suitable carrier for your new cat or kitten.

A leash will be provided for dogs and puppies.

EXPLANATION OF FEES;

	<u>Dogs/Puppies</u>	<u>Cats/Kittens</u>
Spay/Neuter Deposit	\$30.00	\$30.00
Remaining at Shelter	<u>\$35.00</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
Total Adoption Fee	\$65.00	\$65.00

NOTE: The spay/neuter deposit will be mailed directly to your veterinarian once the surgery has been completed and the shelter is notified.

**\*Animal already spayed or neutered, NO DEPOSIT RETURNED.**

1. We attempt to place only healthy animals of good temperament\*. We require that you take your new pet to the veterinarian within 72 hours for an initial health exam. If the veterinarian states that your new pet is unhealthy and should not have been adopted, the shelter will refund the adoption fee, or when possible, allow you to adopt another animal -
2. To protect all the animals involved, any dogs or cats currently owned by the adopter must have current vaccinations prior to the placement of the new pet. Exceptions will be made on a case by case basis on the advice of your veterinarian.
3. To help solve the pet overpopulation problem and to minimize the necessity to euthanize so many unwanted animals, all animals adopted through the shelter must be spayed or neutered. If your application is approved, a legal contract covering spaying and neutering is presented for your signature. As well as requiring spay and neutering for animals being adopted, all animals that you currently own must be spayed or neutered before an adoption can be approved. Exceptions to this may be approved in the case of Pure Breed animals and Professional Animal Breeders. .
4. Landlords, managers of rental properties, and mobile home park owners must approve of the adoption before placement of your new pet.
5. Our animals cannot be adopted by anyone under the age of 21.
6. Our animals cannot be adopted as gifts; however, we are happy to provide gift certificates.
7. We do not recommend adopting an animal if you are planning to relocate in the near future. Kittens and puppies are not recommended for homes with small children unless the shelter is satisfied that a responsible adult will be home to ensure the safety of the new pet and to teach the child or children, how to handle a small animal.

8. We require strict adherence to all laws and ordinances pertaining to pets
  
10. All animals in the shelter are under the care and supervision of La Porte County. We reserve the right to refuse the adoption of our animal to anyone. This includes, but is not limited to, an investigation of the new home and to remove the animal should it be found that the animal is not receiving proper care, if the spay/neuter surgery has not been performed on time, or if any information in regard to the adoption procedure was misrepresented to the shelter.
  
11. It is required that the animal be taken to a veterinarian for an initial health exam within 72 hours after the adoption. Since rabies vaccination is required for adoption, we suggest that you try to set the vaccination and examination appointment for the same time. Fees concerning vaccination and exams vary per veterinarian.