



LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter

ADOPT A NEW BEST FRIEND!

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Monday, Thursday & Friday
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday
10:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m.



While our primary goal is to reunite lost pets with their owners, we are also committed to finding responsible, loving homes for as many animals as possible.

When you adopt a pet from the La Porte County Small Animal Shelter, you give a second chance to a friend in need. But the pets aren't the only ones who benefit – you benefit too!

Adopting a pet will bring you the warmth of a faithful friend and the satisfaction of knowing you helped give the gift of life to a loving animal.

Adoption Process

1. Come to the shelter during business hours.
2. Spend time getting to know some of our homeless pets.
3. Select a pet. (You must be 21 years of age or older to adopt an animal from our shelter.) You may ask to meet with an Adoption Counselor to make sure your chosen pet is a good match for your lifestyle and preferences.
4. Fill out an application form and wait 24 hours - this gives you time to think over this very important step and avoids adopting on impulse. During this time, the shelter will carefully look over the application to decide if the adoption is in the best interest of the animal(s) and people involved.
5. Call the shelter the next day after 10:00 am to answer any remaining questions and to verify your interest in the animal. If a phone call is not received, we will make the animal available to other potential adopters.
6. After application is approved, make an appointment to pick up your new pet!
7. Provide a legal photo ID with current address.
8. Sign our Adoption Contract.
9. Pay for your new pet (cash only) and take him or her safely home! Bring a suitable carrier for your new cat or kitten. A leash will be provided for dogs and puppies.

Adoption Fee

The fee to adopt a pet is **\$100 (Dogs)** and **\$75 (Cats)** (cash or check) and includes:

- DHLPP
- Rabies (if age appropriate)
- Bordetella
- HWBT
- Spay/Neuter
- Frontline Flea Application
- Bath
- FVRCP and FeLV test (cats)



You are responsible for all veterinary fees.

Because our animal shelter must be able to cover the costs involved in caring for the animals, we charge fees for adoption services. These costs can include feeding, grooming, vaccinations, spay/neuter and medications while they are in our care. We also depend on donations to help defray these costs as we are a unit of County Government.

Steps for a Healthy Pet

We attempt to place only healthy animals of good temperament. We require that you take your new pet to your veterinarian within 72 hours for an initial health exam. Since a rabies vaccination is required for adoption, we suggest that you try to set the vaccination and examination appointment at the same time.

To help solve the pet overpopulating problem and to minimize the necessity to euthanize so many unwanted animals, all animals adopted through the shelter are spayed or neutered. Exceptions to this may be approved in the case of Pure Breed animals and Professional Animal Breeders.

Keep everyone healthy - all vaccinations must be current on the pets you now own before selecting a pet to adopt.

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.

We require strict adherence to all laws and ordinances pertaining to pets. 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 animals 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 or if any information in regard to the adoption procedure was misrepresented to the shelter.

All pets are placed to live inside the home as companions.

Cats are placed to live strictly inside for the longest, safest life.

Dogs that will be over 40 lbs., and some active smaller dogs generally require a fenced yard at the time of adoption for the safety of the pet.

Landlords, managers of rental properties and mobile home park owners must approve of the adoption before placement of your new pet.

Our animals cannot be adopted as gifts, however, we are happy to provide gift certificates.

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(ren) how to handle a small animal.



If you do not see an animal that you are interested in today, please feel free to leave your name and phone number and we will make every attempt to contact you if an appropriate animal comes in.

Also visit laporteco.petfinder.com for a list of available animals.