

COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTION POLICIES

Spaying/Neutering:

All adopted animals are required to be spayed or neutered pursuant to Michigan law. All animals adopted from LCAC will be spayed or neutered before adoption.

Adoption policies will be strictly enforced to ensure that all animals adopted through the Livingston County Animal Shelter will be treated humanely and placed in a home with responsible pet owners only.

Adoption Guidelines

Adopters must obey all state and county laws pertaining to animals.

Adopters agree:

To comply with designated dates for rabies inoculations and county animal licensure.

To provide proper food, water and shelter as required by MI Dog Law.

To keep the pet as their own. If you can no longer keep the pet, you should contact the Livingston County Animal Shelter. Placement options for your pet will be discussed with you.

To keep the pet well groomed and make every effort to keep it free of parasites.

In addition, all adopted dogs must wear collars with identification tags, rabies and license tags. If the animal is lost, a tag is the best way to reunite the animal with its owner. All animals adopted from LCAC are microchipped prior to adoption. This is a permanent form of identification.

A fenced yard is ideal for all dogs, but not required. A fenced yard protects the dog from roaming and owners from liability that their loose animal can cause. Dogs should never be left unattended in a yard. Dogs will not be placed in homes where they will be allowed to run at large. A dog running at large is a violation of MI Dog Law.

The adoption of very small dogs or potentially aggressive dogs may be discouraged to homes with young children.

Each cage will display a card with all pertinent information completed and show the date the animal is available for adoption.

If an adopted animal dies, then the owner must notify Animal Control in a timely manner.

The Livingston County Animal Shelter reserves the right to deny any adoption at the discretion of the Director, Shelter Supervisor, Animal Control Officer or Veterinarian.

Animals Offered For Adoption

All adoptable animals are offered on a first come, first serve basis. Exceptions are allowed by the Director, Shelter Supervisor, Animal Control Officer or Veterinarian.

Adoptable animals will be identified as "For Adoption".

The specified adoption fee must be paid at the time of adoption.

All adopters are given the following:

- A copy of vaccines and medical procedures done to the pet.
- Rabies vaccine certificate, if applicable.
- Starter kits with care brochures.

Stray animals have a holding time, if not claimed by an owner at the end of that time, the animal shall be deemed abandoned and become the property of the Livingston County Animal Shelter. The stray animal will then either be offered for adoption or humanely euthanized.

No adoptable animal has a guaranteed holding time.

Animals Not For Adoption

Animals that have exhibited vicious tendencies will not be available for adoption.

Wolf Hybrids and wild animals will not be offered for adoption.

When identified as pregnant, an animal is not available for adoption until spayed.

Adoption Policy

This policy will be strictly enforced to ensure that all animals adopted through the Livingston County Animal Shelter will be treated humanely and placed in home with responsible pet owners only. Persons seeking to adopt an animal through the Livingston County Animal Shelter may be required to complete a pre-adoption questionnaire. The Livingston County Animal Shelter reserves the right to deny any adoption at the discretion of the Director, Shelter Supervisor, Animal Control Officer, or Veterinarian. This would include, but is not limited to, denying adoption based upon the following:

The person has been found guilty of abandonment or cruelty to animals.

The person has turned over custody of an animal to the Livingston County Animal Shelter within the past 2 years.

The person, in the opinion of a licensed Veterinarian, has cruelly treated, abused or neglected an animal.

The person has been convicted of a violation of MCL. 750.49 (Dog fighting, baiting or shooting).

The person has a past history of animal control problems/complaints.

The person is under the age of 18, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

The person has in the past violated a spay/neuter contract.

Any person not owning their residence may be required to provide proof, in writing from the landlord that they have permission to have animal on the property.

No animal may be adopted as a gift for another person, unless the person is a parent or guardian of a minor child who resides with the adopter.