



Lancaster Dog Control

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ADOPTION INFORMATION PACKET

Thank you for your interest in adopting a dog from the Lancaster Dog Control Department! Included in this adoption information packet you will find: an adoption application and adoption agreement you will be expected to agree to and sign prior to adopting a dog. Requirements and frequently asked questions are addressed below.

All applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Please understand that adoptions are not processed or determined on a first-come first-serve basis, approval is determined based on the best interests of the dog. The determination of Lancaster Dog Control regarding suitability of a particular dog for adoption by a particular applicant shall be at the sole discretion of Lancaster Dog Control and shall be final.

Adoption requirements

You will be required to fill out the applicant information section of the attached adoption information packet and turn it in to the Lancaster Dog Control Department along with a background check completed by the Lancaster Police Department. Please contact the Lancaster Police Department at (716) 683-2800 for information on obtaining a background check. You are responsible for any fees or costs associated with the background check that may be required by the Lancaster Police Department.

Once you have obtained the background check and completed the applicant portion of the application, you can remit these forms to the Lancaster Dog Control Department by mail or in person.

As part of the adoption process, the Lancaster Dog Control Department may request to perform an inspection of the interior and exterior of your residence to ensure that it is suitable to meet the needs of the dog you are adopting.

If your adoption application is approved, you will be subject to an adoption fee of \$50, a dog licensing fee of \$13, and in the event the dog you are adopting is not spayed or neutered, a spay/neuter deposit of \$35, which will be returned to you if the dog is spayed/neutered within 30 days, or in the event the dog has not reached sexual maturity, within 30 days of the dog reaching 6 months of age. If proper proof of the dog being spayed/neutered is not provided to Lancaster Dog Control within 30 days, the deposit will be forfeited. If the dog is not vaccinated against rabies, a Lancaster Dog Control Officer will accompany you to Tractor Supply or a veterinarian of your choosing within the Town of Lancaster to vaccinate the dog at your expense.

All fees and/or deposits due to the Lancaster Dog Control Department must be paid for *in cash only* on or before the execution of the Adoption Agreement.

All dogs must leave the Lancaster Dog Control Department with a leash and collar or harness. If you do not have these items, the Department may be able to provide them to you at no cost, dependent on inventory.

Any questions or requests for information may be directed to:

Lancaster Police Officer Eric Major #50

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