



**Considering adopting from The Lost Dogs' Home but need some more information? Congratulations! You are already on the right track towards better pet ownership!**

## Adopting a second pet?

If you already have a dog you will need to bring him/her to the Home to meet the potential new dog you've selected before you adopt. If you have an existing cat we suggest you bring him/her in (in a carrier) but only if it's not going to be stressful for them.

Our trained staff can help you determine whether the two pets will be compatible in your home.

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### TIP

You'll find we tend to have more animals available for adoption towards the end of the week.

## ADOPTING FROM THE LOST DOGS' HOME

By adopting a dog, cat, puppy or kitten from a shelter like The Lost Dogs' Home, you're giving an animal in need a much deserved second chance at life. This is one of the most positive things you can do to help the thousands of lost, stray and abandoned companion animals coming into our care each year, and others like them across Australia.

The Home is committed to educating the community about better pet ownership and working with adopted to make sure our animals are adopted into loving homes with well-informed owners.

Before making the 10 – 20 year commitment which comes with bringing a cat or dog into your life, take the time to read through the adoption process and what to expect when bringing a new friend into your life.

## FINDING THE RIGHT PET FOR YOU

Before visiting one of our shelters, why not visit dogshome.com and see who captures your eye? The website is updated in real time and allows you to search by pet type. As well as photos, the online pet portfolios give you an insight into the animal's

personality and needs, so you can pick the right pet to suit your lifestyle.

If you find your ideal dog or cat on our website, click on the 'adoption enquiry' button inside the animal's profile and our team will be in contact. Alternatively you can email [adoptions@dogshome.com](mailto:adoptions@dogshome.com) to arrange an appointment to meet your ideal companion and talk to our adoptions staff about your potential match.

Often we are told it's the animal that chooses you, which is why we recommend you arrange to come down to the shelter to see who you click with most. If you already have a dog at home, you need to bring them along with you, to see if the dogs get along.

Our friendly adoption team will be there to introduce you to and allow you to spend time with your potential pet. They will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have on the day.

## THE ADOPTION PROCESS

Found your furry soul mate and want to make it official? Our adoptions team will explain the needs of your new companion as well as answer any questions you may have about the adoption process.

The process can take some time, especially during busy periods. Please ensure you leave enough time when you come to the shelter.

### WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

To complete any adoption, identification documents will need to be sighted. Please remember to bring: you will need to provide the following identification documents:

- A current and valid form of photo ID, (such as a passport, vehicle license or proof of age card)
- Proof of your current address
- Any dogs permanently living at the adopter's home (dog adoptions only)

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

**Adult dogs:** \$420-\$800

**Puppies (under 6 mos):** \$800

**Senior dogs (+10 yrs):** a suggested donation of \$50 or more

**Adult cats:** \$120

**Pure breed adult cats:** \$800

**Kittens (under 6 mos):** \$235

**Pure breed kittens (under 6 mos):** \$800

**Senior cats (+7 yrs):** a suggested donation of \$50 or more

The adoption fee covers the cost for de-sexing, vaccinating, micro-chipping, flea treatment and worming your new pet. Dogs are heartworm checked and cats are FIV tested.

All dogs and cats also undergo a thorough health and temperament test by a qualified veterinarian and the Home's Animal Behaviour department prior to adoption.

### RECEIVE A DISCOUNT ON YOUR ADOPTION FEE!

Complete our online Pet Licence test at [www.petlicence.com.au](http://www.petlicence.com.au) and score 100 per cent, bring in your certificate to receive either \$30 off your canine or \$15 off your feline adoption. You can complete the test as many times as you need to get all the answers correct.

### REASONS TO ADOPT

- Adopting a companion animal from a shelter helps dogs and cats in need of a new home and reduces the demand for pets supplied by backyard breeders, pet shops and puppy farms.
- It is generally much less cost to adopt a pet, rather than buy from a breeder. Adopted pets also have the added value of being temperament tested, de-sexed, vaccinated, wormed, flea treated and micro-chipped before adoption. The adoption fee in fact barely covers the cost of preparing a dog or cat for adoption.
- Most dogs and cats at a shelter or pound are mixed breeds, and as a general rule, mixed breeds have fewer genetic health concerns and have been known to live longer than their pure-bred counterparts.
- Shelter staff are knowledgeable about our shelter animal's personalities and requirements and are a great resource for matching you to the right pet. They'll also give you comprehensive advice on how to be a better pet owner.
- Many dogs and cats available for adoption are adults and there are many benefits to adopting an older pet. Most will have undergone some training, they're often more settled and relaxed, you know exactly what their personality is like and how big they'll be.
- Shelter animals are often more loyal and affectionate companions, as they respond well and blossom in a caring, safe and loving home.



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Since our official opening in 1913, we have been a voice for animals without owners caring for thousands of cats and dogs each year. Pioneers for fair animal laws, we continue to work on the front line to reduce the number of lost, abandoned and stray cats and dogs.

We rely on public support to run services and programs, including: proactive adoption, foster care, behaviour rehabilitation, low cost desexing and microchipping, and the promotion of better pet ownership through education.