



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.

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

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 happiness. 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 adopters to make sure our animals are adopted into loving homes with well-informed owners.

Before making the 10 – 20 year commitment that 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

We are now open for walk ins only for our dog and cat adoptions, meaning appointments are no longer required! Before coming into the shelter, have a look at the animals on our website under our adoption page to see if there are any you think would be a perfect match. As well as photo, the online pet portfolios give you an insight into the animal's personality and needs, to help you identify the right pet to suit your lifestyle.

Come down to our North Melbourne or Cranbourne shelter during our opening hours and our team will facilitate a meet and greet for you, please keep in mind, as there are no longer appointments there may be a wait time to meet the pet you are interested in.

THE ADOPTION PROCESS

When you visit the shelter our friendly 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.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

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

- 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: \$530-\$800 or more depending on the animal

Puppies (under 6 mths): from \$1,100

Senior dogs: \$100-\$530

Adult cats: \$155-\$400

Kittens (under 6 mos): \$270-\$400

Senior cats (+7 yrs): \$50

Special needs pet: \$50

Rabbits: \$132

Guinea Pigs: \$45

Adopting from us means you are not only giving one of our pets a second chance at a happy home, but are also supporting the life-changing care given to the thousands of homeless pets we take in every year.

Adoption fees help to cover a small portion of the costs required to prepare a pet for adoption, which includes desexing, microchipping and vaccination, as well as day-to-day care during their stay with us. Dogs are heartworm checked and cats are FIV tested.

In addition, many pets also spend several weeks in our care undergoing extensive vet treatment and surgery, behaviour training and foster care before they're ready for adoption.

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.

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, desexed, vaccinated, wormed, flea treated and microchipped before adoption. The adoption fee only covers a small portion of the cost of preparing a dog or cat for adoption.
- Most dogs and cats at a shelter 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 look after your new pet.
- Many dogs and cats available for adoption are adults and there are many benefits to adopting an older pet. You know exactly what their personality is like and how big they'll be.
- Shelter animals are 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.