

One of the Home's most important services is our adoption program. Our aim is to place our animals into loving homes with well-prepared and informed owners.



## YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AFTER ADOPTION

- Firstly, thoroughly read the accompanying dog or cat care booklet;
- Ensure that your pet's desexing stitches are removed 10 - 14 days after surgery. Stitch removal is performed free of charge at The Lost Dogs Home Veterinary Clinic. Please check the date on your pet's desexing certificate; and
- Ensure you maintain the vaccinations of your pet. An initial vaccination has been provided to your pet at the time of desexing, a booster vaccination will be required four weeks after this date and then annually for your pet's life.

## YOUR HEALTH COVER

The pet you are adopting has been examined by one of our veterinarians and has been found to be appropriate for rehoming. However, an animal's health status can change over time.

The Lost Dogs' Home offers limited health cover for seven days from the date of purchase. This health cover applies to diseases that are related to your new pets stay at The Lost Dogs' Home.

To be eligible for the cover, your new pet must be brought back to The Lost Dogs Home Veterinary Clinic for examination and you must bring all paperwork with you.

Please ring the clinic for an appointment. The Lost Dog's Home is unable to cover the costs associated with veterinary care at any other veterinary clinics.

Your health cover includes respiratory disease (canine cough in puppies or dogs and cat flu in kittens or cats) and gastroenteritis. It may also include some complications related to desexing surgery.

The Lost Dogs Home Veterinary Clinic will waive the consultation fees during this

seven day period for shelter-related disease only. The Veterinarian will discuss any treatments with you. **It is your responsibility to pay for any medications that may be prescribed.**

## HEALTH SYMPTOMS TO WATCH FOR: ALL PETS

**Gastroenteritis** including vomiting and diarrhoea. If the pet is listless, or has diarrhoea with persistent vomiting

**Surgery complications** excessive swelling, redness or a discharge at the surgical site as well as self-trauma (licking or chewing) resulting in any of the above symptoms. If any of these symptoms are apparent please call The Lost Dogs Home Veterinary Clinic.

## DOG AND PUPPIES

**Canine Cough** Signs of canine cough include a dry, hacking cough. It is a highly contagious disease of dogs and puppies. If your dog loses its appetite while suffering from canine cough or develops a discharge from the eyes or nose, you should contact The Lost Dogs Home Veterinary Clinic.

## CATS AND KITTENS

**Respiratory disease (cat flu)** Signs of cat flu include sneezing, coughing, snuffled breathing and runny eyes. It is a contagious disease of cats and kittens. If your cat develops these signs and becomes listless, loses its appetite, won't drink, is very blocked up in its breathing or has an eye irritation, you should contact The Lost Dogs Home Veterinary Clinic.

### The Lost Dogs Home Veterinary Clinic

**Mon to Fri:** 8:00am - 7:00pm

**Sat:** 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Sun:** Closed

**Telephone:** (03) 8379 4498

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