



**Considering adopting from The Lost Dogs' Home but need some more information? Congratulations! You're already on the right track towards becoming a responsible pet owner!**

### Do you rent?

If you are currently renting and would like to adopt a cat or dog, you will need prior approval from your landlord.

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### Adopting a second dog?

We strongly urge you to bring your dog 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 dogs may be compatible in your home.

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### TIP

You will find that we tend to have more animals available towards the end of the week.

### ADOPTING FROM THE LOST DOGS' HOME

By adopting a cat or dog from a shelter like The Lost Dogs' Home, you are 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 31,000 lost, stray and abandoned cats and dogs that comes into our care each year, and for the thousands more like them all across Australia.

However, there are some things to consider before you make the 10–20 year commitment that can come with bringing a cat or dog into your life. The Lost Dogs' Home is committed to educating the community about responsible pet ownership issues and ensuring our animals are adopted into loving homes with well-informed owners.

Please take a moment to read through the adoption process and what to expect upon bringing a furry new friend into your life.

### FINDING THE RIGHT PET FOR YOU

Before visiting one of our shelters, why not visit [dogshome.com](http://dogshome.com) and see who captures your eye? If it's love at first sight, you are very welcome to call the respective shelter and ask for a 24-hour hold to be placed, so you have time to come down to the shelter for a meet and greet.

The website is updated daily and allows you to search by location and pet type, and even save your searches! As well as photos, the online pet portfolios give you an insight into the animal's personality and their needs, so you can pick the right pet to suit your lifestyle.

However, many of our past adoptees have said it's the animal that chooses you, which is why we always recommend you come down to the shelter and see who you most click with. And if you already have a dog at home, we strongly advise bringing him or her along with you, to make sure that relationship works as well.

Our friendly adoption staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have, as well as allow you to be introduced and spend some time with your potential pet.

## THE ADOPTION PROCESS

Found your furry soul mate and want to make things official? Our adoptions team will explain the needs of your cat or dog, as well as answer any questions you may have. Please note that during busy times — generally Thursday to Sunday — the adoption process may take up to one hour. Please allow for this time.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

**Dogs:** adults and pups \$300

**Cats:** adults \$95, kittens (under six-months-old) \$170

Please note that the adoption fee covers the cost for desexing, housing, vaccinating, microchipping, flea treatment and worming your new pet. Dogs are also heartworm checked and cats FIV tested before adoption.

## RECEIVE A DISCOUNT ON YOUR ADOPTION FEE

If you complete our online Pet Licence test at [www.petlicence.com.au](http://www.petlicence.com.au) and score 100%, bring in your certificate to receive either \$30 discount 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 dog or cat from a shelter helps decrease Australia's large pet overpopulation problem, as it reduces the demand for pets supplied by backyard breeders, pet shops and puppy farms.
- Prior to adoption, all dogs and cats undergo a thorough health and temperament test by a qualified veterinarian and experienced shelter staff. They are then desexed, vaccinated, wormed, flea treated and microchipped.
- It is generally much cheaper to adopt a pet, rather than buy from a breeder or pet shop. Adopted pets also have the added value of already being desexed, vaccinated, wormed, flea treated and microchipped. The adoption fee 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 are healthier and live longer than their pure-bred counterparts.
- You will never be short of variety at a shelter or pound. It is only a matter of time until the right dog or cat for you will come along. Big, small, long-haired, short-haired, quiet, energetic, old, young and everything in between will be available, you only have to look and, at times, be patient.
- Shelter staff are knowledgeable about our shelter animal's personalities and requirements, and can be a great resource for matching you with the right pet. They will also be able to give comprehensive advice on the responsibilities of being a good pet owner.
- Many dogs and cats who are put up for adoption are adults and there are many benefits to adopting an older pet. Most will have undergone some training, they are often more settled and relaxed, you know exactly what their personality is like and how big they will be.
- Shelter dogs and cats 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 1910, The Lost Dogs' Home has provided care and compassion to animals without owners. We are strong lobbyists for fair animal laws and advocates of compulsory desexing, continually working at the front line to reduce the number of lost, abandoned and stray cats and dogs in Australia.

The Home relies on public support to provide our nation-wide services and programs, which include: free ID tags and discounted microchipping through National Pet Register, a proactive adoption program, foster care and behaviour rehabilitation programs, and responsible pet ownership education.

Our expertise also extends to veterinary care for both stray and owned pets, animal management services for local councils and operating a fleet of 24/7 animal ambulances. The Lost Dogs' Home is one of the country's largest animal welfare organisations, caring for more than 31,000 cats and dogs each year. We pride ourselves on employing qualified individuals who demonstrate a strong personal connection to animals, the community and the cause.