

FAQ

Do you ever get a certain breed of dog or small dogs?

The Idaho Humane Society has had nearly every purebred dog imaginable go through the Shelter, even many examples of less common breeds. Anyone interested in a less common breed dog can fill out a Special Request Form. We suggest that you check the shelter frequently for the dog that matches your lifestyle.

Is a dog housetrained or good with kids/cats/other dogs?

Owners are encouraged to fill out a questionnaire describing the behaviors and personality of the dog when dogs are relinquished.

When a dog comes into the Shelter as a stray we usually don't know very much information about them. Sometimes their behavior at the Shelter can tell us whether a dog is good with other dogs or likely housebroken. Any information we know about the dog is found on the dog's yellow kennel card. If there's no card on the kennel the customer service or front desk can look up this information on the computer.

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What happens if the dog doesn't work out in my home?

Adopters can always return their adopted dog to the IHS. If they return the dog to the Shelter within 30 days they can get an IHS Gift Card for the amount of their adoption fee (but not for any additional veterinary procedures the owner chose to do) for use later at the Shelter or Clinic.

Can I donate towards an animal's adoption fee?

Donations can be made to decrease the amount of an animal's adoption fee. A customer wishing to donate towards an adoption fee can take the cage card to the cashier to apply the donation to the animal.

Is a pet I saw on the website/television/paper available?

Check the kennels or cattery to see if the animal is there. If the visitor does not see that animal they should check with the Customer Service Desk or the Front Desk; it is possible the animal went into foster care or is at an event. If they have the login number that is very helpful.

Pocket Guide: Dog Adoption



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A volunteer guide to dog
adoption procedures &
FAQ.

Basic Dog Adoption Information

Didn't Find the Right Dog

Visit the Kennels

Potential adopters are encouraged to visit the shelter dogs in **Kennels C & D**. Kennels A & B are closed to the public because they contain the stray dogs that are held for 7 days before they go up for adoption.

Walk a Dog

If potential adopters see a dog they are interested in, they can go to the customer service desk in the kennel hallway or the front desk to receive a leash and rules for walking dogs. Then they can walk the dog outside or into the Get Acquainted Rooms in the kennel hallway.

- Dogs under **6 months of age** cannot go outside for a walk.
- Outside of their kennels, all dogs must stay on a leash unless they are in the off-leash runs in the dog yard.
- No children under 16 should be handling the leash.
- Those handling the leash should be wearing closed toe shoes.

Adoption

When someone is ready to adopt a Shelter dog they need to take the dog's yellow kennel card and the dog to the front desk to complete the adoption paperwork. Since the adoptable Shelter dogs are all spayed/neutered and vaccinated, they can go home the day they're adopted.

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How much does it cost to adopt a dog?

The Idaho Humane Society's adoption fees for dogs vary from \$20 to \$300. Large breed dogs over the age of 8 years that come into the shelter already spayed and neutered usually have a lower fee and purebred or small breed dogs often have higher adoption fees, up to \$300.

Why are some dogs so expensive?

Dogs with higher adoption fees are purebreds or small sized dogs that are in high demand. They are quickly adopted, even with their higher fees. Their adoption fees allow them to act as benefactors to other dogs. Their fees can help give other dogs more time or special medical care and a better chance at adoption.

What does a dog's adoption fee cover?

The adoption fee includes a dog's spay or neuter surgery, first set of shots, including rabies, and an identification microchip. The dog's license fee and sales tax must be paid in addition to the adoption fee.

Are there discounted options for seniors adopting a dog?

The IHS does have a discounted adoption program for qualifying seniors. Check with the front desk for the current policy.

If potential adopters didn't find the dog that suits them in the kennels, remind them that we get in new dogs everyday.

There are also dogs in foster care that they may be interested in adopting. They can find out about available foster dogs on the bulletin board in the kennel hallway and on our website at www.idahohumanesociety.org.

They can also visit our other location at the **PetSmart Everyday Adoption Center** on Milwaukee. The bulletin board by Customer Service in the kennel hallway has pictures of our dogs at PetSmart.

Encourage customers to fill out a Special Request Form if they are looking for a certain breed or type of dog. They customer service desk in the kennel hallway and the front desk have Special Request Forms available for customers to fill out.