

Lakeside Spay & Neuter Center, A.C. Adoption Terms/Information



We are a ***no-kill shelter***. We only euthanize in the event that a good quality of life for a dog is compromised due to illness, injury, or other situations, when alternative options are not possible. Any unadopted dogs may live out their entire natural lifespan under the care of our volunteers, in large, secure individual runs situated in a peaceful, rural environment.

We want the adoption of your new dog(s) to be as successful as possible. In most circumstances, the adoption is ***unconditional for up to one month***. Please make every effort to help your new pet become settled at home within this time frame. For any reason, before a month has passed, if problems exist that you cannot resolve, the dog may be returned to the Ranch. If this does happen, though, Gudrun Jones must be contacted first, 376-766-3813, to confirm the dog's return and/or discuss alternative arrangements if appropriate. Every adoption experience, as well as every dog, is unique, and to adequately manage our Ranch resources and provide optimal housing/care for the Ranch dogs, we cannot hold space indefinitely for a dog to be returned if it doesn't "work out". We sincerely thank you for being understanding about this important detail.

Within reason, we cannot put a specific dog "on hold" for extended periods of time while you make your decision whether to adopt or not. While we do not want you to feel pressured into making this important choice, in fairness to the dog, please try to make your decision in a timely manner so all potential adoptions can take place. Keep in touch and please let us know your decision.

If you would like to go to the Ranch to adopt a dog, or to just pay a visit, please contact Gudrun Jones (376-766-3813) so arrangements can be made for your arrival. If you plan to adopt, if at all possible, please bring a leash and collar for your new pet.

We are a non-profit organization and depend on donations/fund-raising as our sole source of income to meet Ranch expenses. Although any adoption is "free", we greatly appreciate a donation, in the amount of your choice, to help us continue to provide quality Spay/Neuter services, food, shelter, grounds maintenance, as well as veterinarian care, to each and every Ranch dog. New volunteers are welcome!