

**La Crescent Animal Rescue**  
523 S. Chestnut St.  
P.O. Box 112  
La Crescent, MN 55947  
Phone 507-895-2066  
[www.lacrescentanimalrescue.org](http://www.lacrescentanimalrescue.org)

### **Adoption Procedure**

1. After deciding to adopt a companion animal, fill out an adoption application.
2. Call LAR to make an appointment to meet the cat or dog. The companion animal may be in foster care. We would then arrange with the foster family for you to meet the companion animal. After meeting a dog you think would be a good fit for your family, a home visit would be scheduled at your home with the dog. If this process is approved, then the adoption process will continue.
3. If your application is approved (1-3 business days), make an appointment to return to LAR to complete the adoption process. Please bring a collar and leash or a secure carrier for your new companion animal.
4. An adoption fee will be collected at this time.

**Please call us with any problems or questions you may have.**

#### **Adoption fees:**

\$140 dog/puppy

\$50 cat

\$85 kitten

Adopt 2 cats or kittens into the same home for one fee.

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## **Adoption Policies**

1. Because adoption involves a legal contract, adopters must be 21 years of age or older.
2. Filling out an application does not guarantee that you will be approved to adopt the animal.
3. We encourage all members of the household (i.e. family members, roommates) who will be living with the animal to come to LAR and spend time with the animal.
4. We do not permit animals to be adopted as surprise gifts. The gift recipient should be included in the adoption process.
5. If you do not own your home, we must verify that your landlord or the homeowner gives permission for you to bring a companion animal onto the property.
6. We require that you provide us with the name of your veterinary care provider and the name/s of your currently and previously owned animals. We require that any animals currently living in your home have current vaccinations for rabies and distemper and be receiving heartworm and flea and tick preventative if applicable.
7. We also require that any animals currently living in the home are spayed or neutered if age appropriate.
8. LAR's policy is to spay or neuter prior to adoption. If your application is approved and the animal you choose is too young to be altered, a down payment will be required to hold him/her until a safe surgery can be performed.
9. Dogs are tested for heartworm and are administered a preventative heartworm tablet. An agreement must be filled out at the time of the adoption process to continue with the preventative for heartworm at the new owner's expense. Dogs will also be treated with flea and tick preventative.
10. Cats are tested for FIV/Leukemia. If a litter arrives with mom cat, mom only is tested. If a litter arrives without mom, one of the babies is tested when age appropriate.
11. Your new companion animal will be vaccinated and up to date on distemper and rabies. They are treated for worms, fleas, ticks, and ear mites if needed.
12. A staff member will contact you occasionally to see how you and your new companion animal are getting along.
13. If for any reason the adoption does not work out, LAR requires the companion animal to be returned to the shelter.