



## Laredo Animal Care Services Adoption Policy



### PURPOSE

The Laredo Animal Care Facility receives animals from individuals who are no longer able to care for their pets as well as lost and stray animals. Animals are screened for adoptability. Adopting an animal gives that animal a chance for a new life.

Before adopting, careful consideration must be given to the responsibilities for pet ownership. The prospective adopter must consider the time, money, and effort needed to own and care for a pet as owning a pet is a long-term commitment that can be very rewarding for the adopter and the pet.

### QUALIFICATIONS

The prospective adopter must:

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Demonstrate the ability to provide a stable home, a safe environment, necessary veterinary care and nutrition, basic behavior training, and companionship for the animal.
3. Must be willing to comply with all applicable State and local laws and ordinances.

### PROCEDURE

The prospective adopter will:

1. Complete the adoption application.
2. Present a valid state issued identification card.
3. Provide proof of residency.
4. Provide written proof that the landlord allows pet in a rental/lease property, if applicable.
5. Pay necessary fees.
6. Provide proof that the animal has been vaccinated, sterilize, and micro-chipped/registered as a set out in the adoption agreement and its attachments, as applicable.

Every effort is made to ensure that animals are healthy and adoptable. However, in spite of our best efforts to down diseases, we cannot guarantee that every animal adoptable will have a clean bill of health. You must have your new pet checked by a Texas veterinarian immediately upon adoption. No refunds are allowed. Laredo Animal Care Services is unable to assist with veterinary bills.

***All adoptions are subject to approval by the LACS Director or designee.***



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## ADOPTION/FOSTER APPLICATION



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Thank you for considering adopting an animal from the Laredo Animal Care facility. Please complete the application, respond to the questions, and indicate your preferences for a type of animal. Staff will contact you for an interview.

Name:					Phone:
Address:					DOB:
Email Address					DL:
No. of Adults in the family:			No. of children in the family		Ages for children:
Family Pet's Name	Animal Type	Age	Breed	Rabies Tag/Year	Microchip Number

Are your pets registered with the City of Laredo? Yes No

Are any of your pet(s) designated as "Dangerous"? If yes, please identify the pet(s) and explain:

Have you received a citation due to a violation of the city ordinance pertaining to animal? If yes, please explain:

Have you adopted an animal before? Yes No If yes, from whom?

Are you prepared to educate your children about humane care for pets? Yes No

Have you considered how this adopted animal will fit in with your family and your pets? Yes No

Does anyone in the household have any known allergies to pets? Yes No

Who will be responsible for the care of this animal?

Are you prepared to provide veterinary care and adhere to vaccination and registration schedules? Yes No

Who is your pet's veterinarian?

Do you have a yard? Yes No Is it completely fenced? Yes No

Where will the animal be kept during the day? During the night?

Are you willing to work with your adopted animal in areas such as basic obedience and house training? Yes No

Are you prepared for chewing, digging, scratching, house training accidents, and other mischievous behavior? Yes No

Property Type: House Apt. Condo Rental property? Yes No If yes, provide written proof from the landlord.

I agree to provide adequate healthcare by a Texas licensed veterinarian, and assume responsibility for all costs associated with that care.

I agree to provide continual updates to the department regarding the health and wellness of my pet.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations laid out by the LACS department, City of Laredo Ordinance, and Texas State Law regarding the welfare of animals.

**For Fosters:** I agree to keep this pet within the city limits of Laredo, Texas at all the time unless I obtain written authorization from LACS official staff.

**For Fosters:** I understand that until I complete the adoption process, this animal will remain city property.

I certify that the information provided above is complete and correct. I understand that LACF makes no representations or guarantees of the temperament and health of this animal. I realize this animal is my legal responsibility and I release LACF from any and all liability for any injury or damage caused by this animal now and in the future.

Signature: Date:

LACF Staff's Signature: Date:



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## ADOPTION/FOSTER AGREEMENT

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Animal ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Print: Adopter's First		MI	Last	
Address:			City/St/Zip:	
Email Address		Phone No:		
Type (Dog/Cat/Other)	Gender	Breed	Microchip #	

In consideration of an adoption fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, the adopter acknowledges and further agrees to these provisions.

### AS THE ADOPTING PARTY I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS

1. I have read Attachments A & B of this Agreement and I agree to provide the adopted pet with necessary sterilization and anti-rabies vaccine and agree to register the pet through microchip.
2. I agree to keep an identification tag on the adopted dog attached to properly fitted collar which will remain on the dog at all times, whether inside or outside of the house. A collar for a cat is optional.
3. I agree to have the pet under my control when it is not confined to my property. A secured fenced area will be provided for dogs including shelter from the elements. If the pet is a cat, I agree to keep it as an indoor cat.
4. If for any reason I cannot keep the adopted pet, I agree to notify the LACS within ten (10) business days of the date of this agreement and request to return the adopted pet to the LACS. I understand that all adoption related fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.
5. I understand that abuse and neglect of an animal is a crime and is punishable by law under State and local laws and regulations.
6. I understand that the welfare of this pet is my sole responsibility. I agree to provide it with good care which includes food, fresh water, sanitation, and grooming, cleaning and secure indoor housing for cats and/or clean and secure outdoor housing (for dogs only), and an overall safe environment. I agree to provide the pet proper health care by a licensed veterinarian throughout its life.
7. I understand that breeding of this dog9at is strictly forbidden.
8. I understand that the pet covered by this adoption agreement, is, as far as can be determined by the LACS, in good health and that I am responsible for any medical fees incurred after the adoption date. However, if a health problem develops during the 10 days after the date of adoption agreement, I should notify the LACS to discuss the matter.
9. I understand that neither the LACS nor any of its employees can make representations or guarantee, expressed or implied as to the physical, medical, mental, or behavioral condition of this the animal. I realize that this animal is my legal responsibility and I release the LACS from any and all liability for any injury and damage caused by this animal now and in the future.
10. I understand that the LACS has a right to take possession of the pet if I fell to follow these provisions. I agree that I will responsible for any and all expenses incurred, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fee, in enforcing these provisions.

*I certify that I have read and understand the terms of this pet adoption agreement by signing below on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
LACS Staff Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
LACS Staff Printed Name



**LAREDO ANIMAL CARE SERVICES**  
**PRE-ADOPTION AGREEMENT: ATTACHMENT A**  
 Sterilization, Rabies, Vaccination, Microchip Agreement  
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**HOLD HARMLESS**

Laredo Animal Care Services (and its officers, board of directors, employees, volunteers, affiliated entities, representatives, attorneys, agents, and/or any person or entity acting with or at the director of Laredo Animal Care Services, collectively defined, as "LACS Releasees") shall not be liable to Adopter on any theory of legal liability including but not limited to the negligence of LACS (and/or LCAS Releasees), for any injury, death or damage directly or indirectly caused by any pet or pets subject to this agreement. Adopter does hereby release LACS (and/or LCAS Releasees) from any and all liability claims, suits, obligations, demands, or causes of action, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, arising out of or relating in any way to pet LCAS'S release of pet or pets to Adopter. It is the expressed intention of Adopter and LCAS that the release provided for in this paragraph is designed and intended to protect LACS (and/or LACS Releasees) from any personal injury claims by Adopter or others and from the consequences of any harm, behavior, or other action by any pet or pets, and from the consequences of any act or omission or negligence of the part of LACS (and/or LACS Releasees) in obtaining custody of any pet or pets, in providing care for any applicable pet, or in failing to provide timely or adequate warning to any person concerning any applicable pet.

*I certify that I have read and understand the terms of this pet adoption agreement by signing below on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.*

**Adopter's Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INDEMNIFICATION**

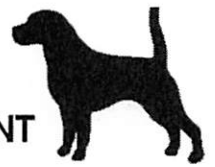
Adopter expressly agrees to defend, pay, indemnify, and hold harmless LACS (and/or LACS Releasees) from all suits, actions, losses, claims, or liability of any character, type, or description, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing all expenses of litigation, court costs, and attorney's fees for injury or death to any person, or damage to any property, received or sustained by any person or persons or property, arising out of or occasioned by, directly or indirectly, the release of pet or pets to Adopter. It is the expressed intention of Adopter and LACS that the indemnity provided for in this paragraph is designed and intended to protect LACS (and/or LACS Releasees) from the consequences of any harm, behavior, or other action by pet, and from the consequences of any act or omission or negligence on the part Adopter or LACS in obtaining custody of pet, in providing care for pet, in adopting pet to Adopter, or in failing to provide timely or adequate warning to any person concerning pet.

*I certify that I have read and understand the terms of this pet adoption agreement by signing below on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.*

**Adopter's Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_



# PRE-ADOPTION AGREEMENT: ATTACHMENT A



## STERILIZATION. RABIES VACCINATION, MICROCHIP AGREEMENT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Type/Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Case ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

The animal named above is pending the following:

Spay / Neuter

Anti-Rabies Vaccine

Microchip

I have read the excerpts from the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapters 826 and 828 and City of Laredo Code Of Ordinances, Attachment B, and I understand that anti-rabies vaccination, sterilization and micro chipping/registration of this pet is required. **Violation of these requirements a criminal offense as a Class C Misdemeanor.**

I agree to comply with the Texas Health and Safety Code and local ordinance requirements and also agree to the following:

**Confirmation of Rabies Vaccination:** Within business days of the deadline stated below, I shall deliver to the Laredo Animal

Care Facility proof of rabies vaccination in the form of a letter signed and dated by the vaccinating veterinarian or a copy of the official rabies vaccination certificate.

**Confirmation of Sterilization:** Within 30 days of the date of this agreement, I shall have the above named pet sterilized and I shall deliver to the Laredo Animal Care Facility a letter signed and dated by the veterinarian who performed the sterilization. This letter will be delivered no later than seven (7) days after the date the pet was sterilized.

**Confirmation of Microchip:** Within 7 business days of the deadline stated below, I shall deliver to the Laredo Animal Care Facility, letter signed and dated by the veterinarian who performed the micro chipping and/or present the animal at the LACF for scanning.

**In order to meet the State and local requirement(s), I will comply with the following Deadlines:**

Due Date to administer Anti-Rabies Vaccine: \_\_\_\_\_

Due Date to complete sterilization procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

Due date to microchip: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if the pet dies or is lost before the procedures due dates, I must deliver a letter to LACF, no later than the 7th day after the pet's death or disappearance, describing the circumstances. .

I also understand that a citation will be issued as a part of the adoption process and this CITATION will be waived upon CONFIRMATION(S) as stated above. I agree to accept a citation for failure to provide confirmation(s). I agree that I will be liable for any and all court costs and reasonable fees incurred by the City of Laredo in enforcing this agreement.

CITATION #: \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

LACS Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Laredo Animal Care Services



### Recommendations for New Pet Owners/Keepers/Fosters

1. We do not guarantee the health of your new pet.
2. Most of the animals we get are strays and we do not know if they have had any previous vaccinations or have been exposed to any diseases.
3. We try to observe the animals for symptoms of illness, but we do not have a veterinarian on staff and some diseases do not show symptoms for 10 to 14 days after exposure.
4. We do strongly recommend that you take your newly adopted pet immediately to an animal hospital or clinic for a wellness check. (This visit will be at your expense)
5. Some veterinarians do require service fees in additions to what is covered by your adoption fees. (Speak to the veterinarian or receptionist for clarification of these services or fees before any office visit or surgical procedure)
6. For your convenience, we have the following list of local veterinary clinics in Laredo:

Dr. Creamer	6001 McPherson	956-727-5031	Laredo Animal Clinic
Dr. Leyendecker	5837 Northgate	956-753-2988	Critter Care Clinic
DR. Martin	2406 Clark	956-722-3333	Animal Care Clinic
Dr. Santos	3808 McPherson	956-717-0805	South Texas Veterinary Hospital

I have read and fully understand the above conditions pertaining to this pet.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

LACS Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODES  
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*Please read through each health and safety code and initial beside every section.*

**Section 826.021- Vaccinations of Dogs and Cats required:**

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- (a) Except as provided as board rule, the owner of a dog or cat shall have the animal vaccinated against Rabies by the time the animal is four months old and at regular intervals thereafter as prescribed by board rule.

**Section 826.022- Vaccination: Criminal Penalty:**

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- (a) A person commits an offense if the person fails or refuses to have each dog or cat by the person vaccinated against Rabies and the animal's required to be vaccinated under:
- (1) Section 826.021 and board rules , or
  - (2) Ordinances or rules adopted under this chapter by a county or municipality within whose jurisdiction the act occurs.

**Section 828.003- Sterilization Agreement:**

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- (b) The sterilization completion date contained in the sterilization agreement must be
- (1) The 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date of adoption in the case of an adult animal:
  - (2) The 30<sup>th</sup> day after a specified date estimated to be the date an adopted infant Female animal becomes six months old or an adopted male animal becomes eight months old: or
  - (3) If the releasing agency has a written policy recommending sterilization of certain infant animals at an earlier date, the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date contained in the written policy

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**Section 828.009 Reclamation**

- (a) A releasing agency that does not receive a letter under Section 828.005, 828.006 or 828.007, after the expiration of the seventh day after sterilization completion date agreed to under Section 828.002 may promptly reclaim the animal from the new owner.
- (b) A person may not prevent, obstruct, or interfere with reclamation under this section.

**City of Laredo Code of Ordinances: Chapter 6: Animal and Fowl**

- All pets must be vaccinated against rabies and registered (microchip).
- A citation will be given and could be dismissed showing proof of rabies vaccination and spay or neutering to the Animal Care Facility within (30) days.
- Failure to comply will result in penalties and a fee.



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Thank you for your interest in adopting one of our very own pets at the Laredo Animal Care Facility. For every adoption made, two lives are being saved. However, before being able to take home your new best fur-friend here are a few things we must comply with in accordance to the City's Ordinance.

### **Section 6.7 Management of Small Animals or Fowl, not Redeemed:**

- (a) Impounded small animals or fowls that are not redeemed within three (3) business days after the midnight of day of impoundment ( or after observation or quarantine) become the property of the city and may be placed adoption, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of recommended by the director.
- (1) If adopted, must comply with the state and local statutes and ordinance (appropriately vaccinate against rabies, registered with microchip, spay, and neutered0 and pay adoption fee.

### **An individual, eighteen (18) years or older, may adopt an animal from the city animal care services department under the following conditions:**

- a. The animal has been classified as adoptable by the Laredo Animal Care Facility;
- b. The prospective adopter has proper facilities and means to care for the animal and attends a pet care education orientation.
- c. The prospective adopter will provide pet agreement from landlord (if renting):
- d. The prospective adopter will pay necessary fees;
- e. The prospective adopter will provide proof that the animal has been vaccinated and sterilized as set out in the agreements (if applicable).
- (2) May be fostered temporarily until permanent home is found. Must comply with the state and local statutes and ordinance (appropriately vaccinated against rabies, registered with microchip, spay and neutered) as stated in subsection (a)(1).
- (b) The director or his agents or employee shall have authority to euthanized any impounded dog or other small animals or fowl whose retention would be detrimental to the health and welfare of other animal, fowl in the pound, in the city, or for disease control, or to end suffering or public health threat of any animal due to sickness, injury or disease.

(Ord.No 86-24, §1, 2-17-86; ord. No 2010-0-029, § 1, 3-15-10; 2012-0-097, §1, 7-16-12; Ord. No2016-0-132 §2, 9-12-16)

We are more than glad to tag (reserve an unsterilized pet and put him/her on a list for sterilization). We will notify the prospective adopter when the surgery will take place; however, there is a 72 hour hold after surgery for the pet to be picked up. If the pet is not claimed within the 72 hours, he or she will become readily available for adoption/foster/rescue.

Please sign below if you have read and agree the statement above.

Prospective Adopter Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

LACS Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption Date: \_\_\_\_\_