

Pet Adoptions and Free Pets

Why pay a pet adoption fee?

It may be tempting to look for a free pet in your local classifieds rather than pay a pet adoption donation. But the reality is, no pet is free! You will be responsible for vet care, food and supplies for the rest of the dog's life. Adoption fees vary, but cover the veterinary care you would have to pay for a "free" pet.

We have no paid employees and only minimal required expenses, so nearly all our funds go directly to the care of our rescue Shelties. Adoption donations range from \$125 to \$325, depending on the age and socialness of the dog. Our younger dogs help defray the cost and expenses of our older dogs, since older dog's veterinary expenses usually exceed their adoption fees.

Where does your adoption fee go?

To veterinary care. Check with your vet. You will find the office charges are within the range of those listed below.

- *Spay/Neuter \$150-300
- *Parvo/Distemper Vaccination \$20-30
- *Rabies Vaccination \$15-20
- *Heartworm Test (Includes Lyme Disease & Ehrlichia tests) \$15-35
- *Microchip \$15-50
- *K-9 Influenza Vaccinations, Initial & Booster \$20-25 each.
- *Fecal Test \$25
- Dental Care \$150-300 (If recommended by our vet. Usually 2 yrs. or older.)
- Blood Tests for dogs 8yrs & over \$100-150

Other Medical items included during their stay in rescue:

- *Flea & Tick Prevention \$6-15 per month
- *Heartworm Prevention \$12-15 per month
- Medications as prescribed

Misc. items included while in rescue:

- *Food \$25-\$40 per month
- *Grooming \$35-50 per month
- *Toys
- *Treats

*= Routine items and vet care completed for all our Shelties. Copies of veterinary records are provided at the time of adoptions.

