



City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services



LA Animal Services Offers Reduced Pet Adoption Fees for Thanksgiving Weekend *PLUS: Pet Safety Tips to Keep Everyone Safe During the Holiday!*

This Thanksgiving weekend could be the perfect time to visit your local animal shelter and fall in love with a furry friend. LA Animal Services is offering reduced and waived adoption fees on cats, kittens, dogs and puppies Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 23-25th. The West Valley, East Valley, North Central, South LA, Harbor and West LA Animal Services Centers have adoptable pets that would love to spend the holiday weekend getting to know their new families and homes.

Thanksgiving weekend adoption fees for November 23, 2018 to November 25, 2018 are half off the regular adoption fees. Please see the adjusted weekend adoption fees below.

Adult Dogs (Over 4 months old) - \$51.00; Puppies (Under 4 months old) - \$75.00; Adult Cats (Over 4 months old) - \$0.00 (Waived adoption fee provided by the ASPCA); Kittens (Under 4 months old) - \$25.00

Adoption fees include the pet's vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, and microchip. While dog adoption fees are reduced, there will be a \$20 dog license fee applied for LA City residents. What better way to give thanks than to give an orphaned shelter pet a home? You'll be repaid with unconditional love and laughs for years to come!

Additionally, Thanksgiving is a special holiday that brings together family and friends, but it also can carry some hazards for pets. We have some tips to help keep them safe:

- **Overindulging in the family feast can be unhealthy for humans, but even worse for pets:** Fatty foods are hard for animals to digest. Poultry bones can damage your pet's digestive tract. And holiday sweets can contain ingredients that are poisonous to pets. If you want to share a Thanksgiving treat with your pet, make or buy a treat that is made just for them.
- **Put the trash away where your pets can't find it.** All scraps, bones and packaging should be covered and tightly secured in a trash bag placed in a closed trash can outdoors (or behind a closed, locked door).
- **Quick action can save lives.** If you believe your pet has been poisoned or eaten something it shouldn't have, call your veterinarian or local veterinary emergency clinic immediately. Signs of pet distress include: sudden changes in behavior, depression, pain, vomiting, or diarrhea. Contact your veterinarian immediately.
- **Visitors can upset your pets.** If you know your dog or cat is nervous when people visit your home, put him/her in another room or a crate with a favorite toy. This will reduce the emotional stress on your pet and protect your guests from possible injury.
- **Watch the exits.** Even if your pets are comfortable around guests, make sure you watch them closely, especially when people are entering or leaving your home. We don't want your four-legged family member to make a break for it out the door and become lost.
- **Identification tags and microchips reunite families.** Make sure your pet has proper identification with your current contact information on their microchip and license. If they do sneak out, they're more likely to be returned to you.

For more information on adopting or to find your nearest LA City animal shelter, please visit LAAnimalServices.com or call (888) 452-7381. All six LA Animal Services Centers are open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm and Sunday 11 am to 5 pm. Closed on Mondays and holidays.

Los Angeles Department of Animal Services is one of the largest municipal shelter systems in the United States with six shelters serving approximately 60,000 animals annually and responding to 20,000 emergency calls involving an animal or person in danger. LA Animal Services promotes and protects the health, safety and welfare of animals and people.