

Calhoun County Pound

Policy:

Calhoun County Dept. of Health will maintain licensure as a “pound” under the Bureau of Animal Industry in the Dept. of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. The Dept. of Health will conduct activities that support Chapter 717 of the Code of Iowa as it relates to offenses and injury to animals. This will be done in cooperation with local law enforcement. Fees may be charged to cover costs of disease prevention and custodial care.

Procedure:

- I. Animal Intake/Release Procedure
 - A. Animals will be impounded by the county representatives or the local law enforcement officer after they are found to be at large and the owner is not quickly located or obvious.
 - B. No animal shall be placed in a pen that is already occupied by another animal unless it is deemed acceptable by a Calhoun County Pound representative. Under no circumstances shall an animal be placed in an occupied pen with an animal of a different gender, size, or with an animal with a disposition unsuitable for sharing quarters, or with an animal in poor health or with diarrhea.
 - C. Animals that are claimed by an owner must be shown to be current on their rabies vaccination before they can be released. The owner will be required to get the animal vaccinated within 3 days of release and a copy of the rabies certificate presented to the pound if the shots are not current.
 - D. A holding fee of \$3 per day shall be assessed to the owner after a 24-hour period. The city officials may impose additional pickup fees on their own.
 - E. An “Animal Intake Form” must be filled out for all animals held in the pound and held on file for one year as per State licensing requirements for pounds.
 - F. Animals surrendered by their owners will be handled on a case by case basis. Intakes will be required to be current on vaccinations with proof of such. If the animal is neutered the fee will be set at \$10 and \$15 for animals that are not neutered.
 - G. Animals that are known to be dangerous, vicious, or having a contagious disease may not be admitted into the pound’s custody.

CALHOUN COUNTY POUND ADOPTION CONTRACT

I/We the undersigned agree to abide by the following terms in adopting a pet through the pound, in consideration of the sum of \$ _____.

1. Description of the animal: Name _____ Breed _____
Age: _____ Color: _____ Sex: _____

2. Reason animal was surrendered:

3. Shots given by the pound or current status:

Rabies _____ Dist/Parvo _____

4. I/We will get routine shots immediately (or as soon as needed) and maintain them as per the State Code of Iowa.

5. I/We further agree to:

- a. Provide proper food, shelter, and a constant supply of clean water and exercise.
- b. Accept this pet as a household companion and keep it as such.
- c. Not use a chain, rope, cable, or kennel/run as the sole means of confinement.
- d. Keep identification on the animal at all times, as well as a rabies tag.
- e. Not to abandon or dump the animal but to take it to a pound or shelter or have it humanely euthanized by a veterinarian if a good home cannot be found for it, should I need to give up the animal.
- f. Hold the pound harmless from any personal or property damage caused by my pet, with the understanding that the pound makes no guarantee about the age, health, or temperament of this animal.

6. I/We give Calhoun County Pound personnel permission to investigate the animal's well being at its new home at any time, including the right to enter my/our property without notice.

7. Should this contract be found to have been violated, I/We grant the pound the exclusive option to purchase this animal for \$1. If the county chooses to exercise this option, I/we will surrender the animal peaceably and voluntarily to a representative, giving up all future claim to the animal. No advance notice is required in exercise of this option.

8. I/We will have my/our pet spayed or neutered on or before _____ and will notify Calhoun County Pound by returning the enclosed slip after the procedure is done. Sterilization of dogs adopted from pounds is required pursuant to Iowa Code 162.20. Ownership of the dog is conditioned up the satisfaction of the terms of this agreement. Failure to satisfy the terms of the agreement may require return of the dog.

_____ Signature of adopting person Date _____

_____ Signature of Calhoun Co. representative Date _____

Questionnaire for Dog Adoption

The Calhoun County Pound is committed to placing homeless animals in responsible, long-term homes. This questionnaire has been designed to help us determine whether the adoption is in the best interest of both the animal and the adopter.

Name _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Address _____ City _____

Type of Residence: House _____ Acreage _____ Apt _____ Mobile Home _____

Do you: Own _____ Rent _____ If you rent does your landlord allow pets? _____

Landlord's Name _____ Phone _____
(Will be verified by Calhoun County)

Do you plan to move in the near future? Yes _____ No _____

Reason for adoption: _____ Hunting _____ 4-H _____ Companionship
_____ Guard _____ Gift _____ Other

Do you have children at home? _____ Ages _____

Do you own pets now? _____ What kind and how many? _____

Are they spayed/neutered? _____ Current on shots? _____

What accommodations can you provide for an adopted animal? Please describe in detail.

Are you looking for an indoor or outdoor pet? _____ Indoor _____ Outdoor

Animal Surrender Form

Date _____

This is to certify that _____ residing at _____

_____ has relinquished the animal(s) described below to Calhoun County Pound, 1228 High St., Rockwell City, IA 50579. There shall be no further claim by the above-named person(s) who have surrendered the animal(s).

Description of Animal, including name:

Reason for Surrender _____

Is the animal- House trained? _____ Good with Children? _____

Good with other dogs? _____ Good with cats? _____

What brand of food is the animal used to eating? _____

Has this animal been spayed/neutered? _____ Current on shots? _____

What signals does the animal give for wanting to go out? Eat? Other signals? _____

Surrender Fee Paid (\$10 for neutered/spayed, \$15 for others) _____

Signature of County Representative _____

Signature of Person Surrendering Animal(s) _____

Animal Intake Form

Date In _____ By _____

Reason for being brought to the pound _____

Breed/Color _____ Sex _____ Rabies ID attached _____

Rabies tag # _____ Must be shown to have shots current before the animal can be released. Otherwise shots must be received within 5 days of release and verified by the vet administering the shot or a rabies certificate presented to Calhoun County.

Disposition of animal:

1. Owner claimed-name and address _____

2. New home found (see adoption contract) Name _____

3. Euthanized by _____ on _____

4. Other (please explain) _____

Shots given by county _____ Date _____

Other procedures, meds, etc. _____

Released by _____ Date _____

Fee Paid (If Applicable) _____

Notice of Spay/Neuter

This is to notify the pound that _____ was spayed/neutered on _____

by Dr. _____

Signature of person who adopted animal _____

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