



COUNCIL POLICY C-PE09

Adoption and Spay/Neuter Program

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Adoption and Spay/Neuter Program is to reduce the number of dogs and cats that end up at Parkland County's Shelter that must be euthanized due to being unwanted or unclaimed.

POLICY STATEMENT

Parkland County considers it to be part of its social responsibility to participate in efforts to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats, and supports an adoption and spay/neuter program to help reduce the number of animals that must be euthanized-pursuant to Parkland County's Animal Control Bylaw.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Adopter" means the person who applies to adopt a cat or dog from Parkland County.

SCOPE

The Adoption and Spay/Neuter Program applies to unclaimed cats and dogs that are sheltered at Parkland County's Shelter, in accordance with Parkland County's Animal Control Bylaw.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manager of Community and Protective Services is responsible for implementing, monitoring and evaluating this policy.

STANDARDS

1. A person wishing to adopt a cat or dog from Parkland County must complete an adoption application form provided by Parkland County Enforcement Services, and pay the required adoption fee as provided in Community and Protective Services Fees and Charges Schedule approved by Council (as part of its budget). The adoption fee helps off-set the costs of spaying or neutering the animal, one vaccination, a microchip, and a check-up.

2. Bylaw Services will issue a document for the Adopter to arrange a veterinary appointment at a clinic of Parkland County's choice to have the adopted cat or dog receive the following:
 - a) Health check
 - b) Microchip implant
 - c) 4-way Vaccination
 - d) Rabies Vaccination
 - e) Worming (if under 6 months of age)
 - f) Spay/Neuter surgery
3. Prior to adoption, animals must pass a behavior evaluation conducted by Parkland County Bylaw Services. Behaviour and training information will be provided to the Adopter.
4. Any person not completing the required spay/neuter surgery process will be prohibited from adopting future cats or dogs from Parkland County Enforcement Services.
5. Should the Adopter not follow through with his/her obligations under the Adoption and Spay/Neuter Program, the submitted adoption fee will be retained by Parkland County.