

Adoption is the best option!
You can save lives and provide a loving home to a wonderful shelter pet.

ADOPT A PET TODAY

Nocona Lucky Paws aims to make our adoption process a positive and open experience for all our potential adopters. We strive to ensure that our pets go to loving, furr-ever homes.

To complete the adoption process, you will need to meet certain requirements.

- You must be at least 18 years of age.
- You will need to bring photo ID showing your current address. If the address on your photo ID is outdated, you must provide a copy of a recent bill, such as a utility or phone bill, or a copy of a lease or insurance with your current address.

When you have found your perfect pet, and spent some time with them here at the shelter, you will complete an adoption application for review by an adoption counselor. In most cases, you can take the pet home with you the same day!

Both you and your new pet will need time to get better acquainted and adjust. For some pets the transition is quick and easy. Others may need more time and help from you to become a successful pet companion. Lucky Paws offers a seven-day adjustment period within which you can evaluate the pet's progress and your adoption decision. If you should determine you and the pet are not compatible, you can bring the pet back to Lucky Paws. The adoption fee is non-fundable.

Tips for the first 30 days

The first few days in your home are special and critical for a pet. Your new dog will be confused about where he is and what to expect from you. Setting up some clear structure with your family for your dog will be paramount in making as smooth a transition as possible.

Before You Bring Your Dog Home:

- Determine where your dog will be spending most of his time.
- Training your dog will start the first moment you have him.
- Bring an ID tag with your phone number on it with you when you pick up your dog so that he has an extra measure of safety for the ride home and the first few uneasy days.

First day:

- Give your dog time to acclimate to your home and family before introducing him to strangers.
- When you pick up your dog, remember to ask what and when the dog was fed. Replicate that schedule for at least the first few days to avoid gastric distress.
- On the way home, your dog should be safely secured, preferably in a crate.
- Once home, take your new dog to toileting area immediately and spend a good amount of time with her/him so they will get used to the area and relieve themselves.
- If you plan on crate training your dog, leave the crate open so that he can go in whenever he feels like it in case he gets overwhelmed.
- From there, start your schedule of feeding, toileting and play/exercise.

- For the first few days, remain calm and quiet around your dog, limiting too much excitement (such as the dog park or neighborhood children).

Following weeks:

- Your dog may be a bit uneasy at first as he gets to know you. Be patient and understanding while also keeping to the schedule you intend to maintain for feeding, walks, etc. This schedule will show your dog what is expected of him as well as what he can expect from you.
- After discussing it with your veterinarian to ensure your dog has all the necessary vaccines, you may wish to take your dog to group training classes or the dog park.
- To have a long and happy life together with your dog, stick to the original schedule you created, ensuring your dog always has the food, potty time and attention he needs.
- If you encounter behavior issues you are unfamiliar with, ask your veterinarian for a trainer recommendation.

Source: "Tips for the First 30 Days of Dog Adoption" by Sara, shelter outreach director, Petfinder.com



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