
Spay and Neuter Policy

Purpose:

All dogs will be altered prior to being adopted. If they are too young, too small, or not medically cleared, they must be altered within 90 days post-adoption.

Scope:

Adoptive Homes, Foster Homes

POLICY

I. Policy Statement

Colorado Canine Rescue (CCR) will comply with the Colorado State Spay/Neuter Law. CCR provides spay and neuter vouchers for any dogs adopted unaltered.

II. State Regulations

Any dogs that were not spayed or neutered prior to adoption must have a spay/neuter refundable deposit collected from the Adopter.

- A. If any dog or puppy is not deemed able to be spayed or neutered prior to adoption, a \$50 refundable deposit will be collected in addition to the adoption fee.
- B. Per Colorado State Law, the dogs must be spayed or neutered within 90 days post-adoption.
 - 1. If there is a medical reason why the dog should not be altered within this time frame, a letter from the vet must be obtained and given to CCR.
- C. Once CCR has received documentation that the dog has been altered within 90 days post-adoption, the \$50 will be refunded to the Adopter.
 - 1. If the dog was not altered within the 90 days post-adoption but CCR has a letter from the vet, the \$50 will be refunded to the Adopter once the spay/neuter has been completed and the paperwork is submitted to CCR.

2. If the dog was not altered within 90 days and there is no vet letter, the \$50 will be paid to the Pet Over-Population Fund rather than refunded to the Adopter.
- D. The records will be compiled in January of each year and any money owed to the Pet Over-Population Fund will be paid by January 25th. If proper documentation is not obtained by CCR from Adoptive Homes at this time, refunds will not be given to the Adoptive Home.
 - E. The responsibility of coordination and management of the Spay and Neuter Policy lies with the Medical Coordinator. They may delegate appropriately as they sit fit.

III. Spay and Neuter Vouchers

CCR will provide spay and neuter vouchers to all dogs adopted that were not altered while in CCR's program.

- A. CCR will provide a spay or neuter voucher to an approved animal care provider for each dog that is adopted unaltered.
 1. This voucher will cover the expense of alteration, the distemper combo vaccine, the rabies vaccine, and a CCR microchip placement if needed. Any extra vetting expenses occurred at this time are the responsibility of the adopter.
 2. If the Adopter would like to use one of the other vet clinics with which CCR has a working relationship, that must be arranged on a case by case basis at the time of adoption finalization.
- B. The Adoptive Home may choose to use their personal vet, but CCR will not be responsible for any expenses incurred with that vet.
- C. Any further medical treatment needed that is a direct result of the alteration procedure completed by a CCR vet will be covered by CCR but must be performed by a vet clinic with which CCR has a working relationship.