



Adoption Fees

★ Dogs 6 months – 1 year old	\$350.00
★ Dogs 1 year old – 6 years old	\$300.00
★ Dogs 7 years and older	\$175.00
★ Senior Dogs for Senior Citizens	\$150.00

Adoption Fees Includes:

- ★ Medical and Health Records
- ★ Rabies Certificate
- ★ Feeding Instructions
- ★ Microchip (Avid) Registration form
 - ✚ All dogs and puppies are Micro Chipped for positive Identification
- ★ AKC Registration Certificate provided within 60 days of Adoption for Neutered and Spayed Dogs.
 - ✚ If the Adopted Dog has not been spayed or neutered at the time of adoption, the AKC Registration Certificate will ONLY be provided upon verifiable (micro ship ID number) proof that the dog has been Neutered or Spayed. (See Terms and Conditions – Neuter/Spay Policy)

SSAC Adoption Process

1. Potential adopter sends an application to SSAC. This can be completed and submitted online, or printed out and sent to us by US Mail.
2. The application is reviewed by an experienced adoption specialist and the applicant is contacted via telephone or email.
3. Quality applicants will be contacted to discuss the availability of adoption candidates and other pertinent information related to the dog and the family to determine the best possible match.

SSAC Adoption Process (continued)

4. A home visit may then be arranged and a SSAC Representative will set up an appointment to come to your home to meet your family, other pets and generally evaluate where the potential adopted dog will be living to ensure that this is a good home for the dog.
 5. After the home visit has been completed and approved, an appointment will be made with SSAC to meet the dog. We ask that all members of the household be present for the "Meet & Greet" to insure a good fit.
 6. Generally, the Adoption Coordinator in concurrence with Wilma Johnson (owner/breeder) will make the ultimate decision as to whether a particular dog is an appropriate candidate for a specific family or situation. It is imperative that the placement of a dog into a new home be carefully considered to insure a successful partnership between the dog and his/her new owners. We believe that this is the best approach for all, as we will have the most accurate information and thoughts on whether or not this placement would be in the best interest of the dog and the adopter.
 7. If steps 1-6 are complete and satisfactory, the adopter will set up a date to pick up their new family member if the adopter will be required to set up a date to pick up the new family member.
- ★ Because we are dealing with live animals and people, these rules cannot and will not be "set in stone". SSAC is always looking out for the best interest of our dogs and the adopter. To that end, we reserve the right to refuse any Adoption Application.

Terms & Conditions

Spay/Neuter:

- ★ The dog will not be allowed to be bred. If the dog has not been altered at the time of adoption, the adopter will arrange to have the dog neutered or spayed by a licensed Veterinarian at their own expense within three (3) months from the date of the Adoption Contract. (see contract details for exceptions)
- ★ All dogs must be spay or neutered within three (3) months after the adoption, unless other approved arrangements have been made.
- ★ A Promise to Spay/Neuter Fee of \$100.00 will be required to be paid to SSAC at the time of adoption. SSAC will return this deposit amount to the adopter upon receipt of proof to SSAC that the dog was spayed or neutered by a licensed and Board Certified Veterinarian.
- ★ Note: AKC Registration Certificate and Ownership Transfer form will be provided only with positive & verifiable proof that the Neuter/Spay requirement has been fulfilled. The \$100.00 Promise to Neuter/Spay Fee will also be refunded at this time.

Health & Veterinary Care

- ★ The adopter will provide veterinary treatment as needed, including all vaccinations and tests to maintain the dog's good health.
- ★ With the exception of specific conditions which will be openly document to the potential adopter should they be present, our dogs are presumed to b in good health at the time of adoption. **SHEWANA STARS ADOPTION CENTER** assumes no responsibility for any adverse health conditions, which are not in evidence or known to us at the time of adoption.
- ★ **SHEWANA STARS ADOPTION CENTER** will not guarantee the health, temperament, mental disposition, behavior, actions and/or training of any that is no longer in our care, ownership or possession. The new owner will be responsible for the dog from the time and date the Adoption Contract is finalized.
- ★ The adopter must keep the dog properly vaccinated for optimum health and protection.
- ★ In addition, the adopter will obey all State and County laws relating to the ownership of a dog. This includes Rabies Vaccination and required licensing.

Care & Treatment

- ★ The adopter will assume full responsibility for the dog's **entire** lifetime and fully understand that **Shewana Stars Adoption Center** is placing this animal for adoption under this condition.
- ★ The adopter will protect the dog from neglect, abuse, danger and cruelty.
- ★ The adopter will provide proper and sufficient food, fresh water, adequate exercise, safe and comfortable shelter as well as kind and careful treatment to the dog at all times.
- ★ The adopter will license the dog in compliance with the laws and ordinances in force in the municipality in which they reside.
- ★ The adopter will not chain, leash or otherwise tether the animal to any object indoors or outdoors unsupervised for extended periods of time.
(A tie-out to allow the dog to eliminate may be acceptable in certain situations which must be pre-stated in the Adoption Contract.)
- ★ The adopter understands that they are to keep the dog as a companion animal and will not sell or donate the dog to be used in research, vivisection, fighting or guard work.

Return Policy and Procedure

- ★ If for any reason you can no longer keep the dog, you will request assistance from **SHEWANA STARS ADOPTION CENTER** to find the dog a new home.
 - ✚ **Shewana Stars Adoption Center** must be notified of the intention to return the dog via phone call, fax or email.
 - ✚ Once the initial notification has been confirmed, the owner will be required to complete the Owner Surrender Form and submit it to **SHEWANA STARS ADOPTION CENTER**.
 - ✚ Upon receipt of the Owner Surrender form, a representative of Shewana Stars Adoption Center will conduct an evaluation of the dog to determine its condition.

- ★ It is understood that if the dog must be returned, **SHEWANA STARS ADOPTION CENTER** may require a minimum of fourteen (14) days to find an alternative placement for the dog. The adopter/owner understands that it is their responsibility to house, care for and accept full responsibility for said dog until alternative placement is found. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Refunds Circumstances Limited:

- ★ If an Adopter returns the dog to SSAC within ten (10) days of the Adoption Date and in accordance with the return policies and procedures, SSAC shall refund to the Adopter 50% of the Adoption fee to cover the initial expense of processing the Adoption and the administrative costs associated with the return of the dog to our Adoption Program. All other fees and deposits are non-refundable unless other approved arrangements have been made.

*The Adoption of a dog must be taken seriously and requires a serious commitment, patience, love and understanding. **DO NOT ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT LIGHTLY!***