



## Pound Fees

If a dog is found or picked up stray, there are fees involved that will help to cover the cost of food and care for that animal until it is claimed by its owner.

- **Initial pick-up fee: \$30**
- **Fee for each day unclaimed: \$18**

If the dog picked up has a current City of Moose Jaw license, the owner will be given one “pass” at no charge. However, if the dog becomes a repeat visitor to the shelter due to straying, the above fees will apply.

In accordance with dog bylaw #4495, all dogs residing within City limits are to have a valid and current City license. (If a dog passes away, it is the owner’s responsibility to notify the City.) Excerpts in respect to the regulation for the licensing and control of dogs may be obtained from the Licence Department, upon request: 694-4425. Dog licences may be purchased from the Moose Jaw Humane Society or from City Hall.

- **Unaltered dog: \$40 license fee**
- **Spayed or Neutered: \$15 license fee**



## Cat Trap Rentals


Humane cat traps are available for rent at the Moose Jaw Humane Society, and are available only to those who reside and plan to use them within City limits.

- **Cat trap rental fee: \$20 per day (non-refundable)**

The cat trap may only be placed on the renter’s property, and that person is personally responsible to check the trap **each hour** while the trap is set. The trap may only be set during the shelter’s business hours, and in the event that a cat is trapped, it must be immediately brought to the shelter. In no case shall a cat be held in the trap in excess of two hours. The renter must also ensure that no harm comes to any trapped cat while in their possession, including exposure to inclement weather.



Cat traps are not to be used when the temperature falls below 0 degrees Celsius or rises above 25 degrees Celsius. An animal rescue person may enter the property of the renter to ensure the trap is being used properly. The renter is also responsible for the trap, including the cost of repair and/or replacement value should the trap be lost, stolen, or damaged. The trap must be returned within 24 hours of the initial rental in good, clean condition.



## Moose Jaw Humane Society Information and Fees



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## Adoption Fees

Why do homeless pets have adoption fees? Most pet adoptions, whether from a special breed rescue or animal shelter, range from \$100 to \$300 or more, but why so much money? You might wonder who would pay that kind of money for a dog or cat that nobody seems to want anyway. The answer is **a lot** of caring people would!

### What does an adoption fee really cover?

- Primary vaccinations for an adoptable pet
- Spay or neuter deposit for unfixed pets OR if the pet is already fixed, a general veterinary recovery fee so that other shelter animals can be spayed or neutered
- Health and veterinary care costs for any needy pets that arrive at the shelter with injuries or are in need of medical care prior to adoption
- Cost of housing, taxes, and utilities used to keep the shelter warm and running properly
- Feeding costs for animals
- Salary or wages for workers (many shelters rely on a small dedicated staff who often volunteer their time after hours as well)

Although the adoption fee is a way to subsidize costs of caring for the numerous animals, it also serves one greater function. **The adoption fee will put off anybody who is not willing to spend money on their animals.** If you cannot afford a \$100 + adoption fee, then you are unlikely to be able to afford care for your pet if it falls ill or has an accident. Saving the money to adopt a dog is a lot easier than having \$500 cash in hand when something goes wrong and medical attention is necessary.

If you won't spend the money to bring home a loving companion, then it is more than likely that you won't spend it when it is really needed either. It is a harsh world out there for pets, and making sure the pets go to good, responsible homes that will care for them for the rest of their life is the number one concern of all animal shelters and rescues.



### Moose Jaw Humane Society Adoption Fees:

- **Dogs: \$140**  
(\$50 adoption fee + \$90 spay/neuter deposit) OR  
(\$50 adoption fee + \$90 vet recovery fee if fixed)
- **Cats: \$110**  
(\$20 adoption fee + \$90 spay/neuter deposit) OR  
(\$20 adoption fee + \$90 vet recovery fee if fixed)
- *Special rates may apply for senior pets (8+ years)* -
- **Rodents, Birds, and Rabbits: \$10 to \$20**  
\$10 for animal only  
\$20 for animal and cage if applicable



*“Until one has loved an animal,  
a part of one’s soul remains  
unawakened.”*

*- Anatole France*



## Surrender Fees

Why is there a fee to surrender an animal to the shelter? For many of the same reasons that there is a fee to adopt a pet; the animal will need to be fed, cared for, vaccinated, or need to receive medical attention. Also, the Moose Jaw Humane Society is a charitable organization that receives basic and very limited funding to look after the animals in our care.

### Surrender Fees:

- **Dogs under 40 lbs: \$50**
- **Dogs over 40 lbs: \$75**  
(any collars and leashes stay with the dog)
- **Cats: \$20**
- **Other animal (rodents, birds, rabbits): \$20**  
(any cages stay with the animal)

Any person who surrenders an animal must understand that as a result of the surrender, they relinquish ownership of the animal that then shall be adopted or euthanized at the discretion of the MJHS. ***The shelter reserves the right to refuse future adoptions to anyone who has previously surrendered an animal to us.***

