

CCFR Puppy Policy

Medical Care

DAPP (puppy shots): Most of our puppies (3-8 months old) are adopted out with their first three puppy DAPP vaccinations. Puppies are adopted no earlier than 3 months old. If the puppy has had fewer than 3 DAPP vaccinations (but is over 3 months old), we strongly recommend completing the vaccination series with your vet. To keep your puppy healthy, it is recommended to keep away from public areas (dog parks, trails, public parks) where lots of dogs have been until two weeks after their third set of vaccinations.

Rabies: Most Colorado vets will not administer a rabies vaccine until 16 weeks of age. If your puppy does not have a rabies vaccine when you adopt them, it is your responsibility (both physically and financially) to get them to a vet within 8 weeks of adoption and send us proof of the rabies vaccination.

Spay/Neuter: PACFA (Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act) also requires all puppies to be spayed and neutered before being adopted unless they have a vet note stating a specific medical condition in which the procedure would be a detriment to their health.

Behavioral

Because the puppy period of a dog's life is crucial to its development, behavior, socialization, and training, CCFR requires that an applicant must not leave the dog alone for any more hours than the dog's age in months. For example, an 8-week-old puppy (2mos) cannot be left alone longer than 2 hrs. A quick potty break at lunch does not count toward this requirement if the dog is being left alone 8-9 hours per day. If you do not meet this requirement, we will not be able to adopt a puppy to you at this time. We do not recommend crating any dog for more than 2 hours as a puppy (under 6 months) and 4 hours as an adult.

As a general rule, we do not adopt out littermates (please google littermate syndrome and/or refer to [Littermate Syndrome in Dogs: What to Know | Great Pet Care](#)). Some exceptions may be made for older bonded pairs. We also highly recommend families do not adopt dogs of a similar age when they are younger than 18 months old. Please also discuss adopting a new puppy with your vet and trainer before applying if you have had your current dog less than one year or if your dog is under 18 months old.

IF YOU HAVE A SENIOR DOG, please consider them in your decision to adopt a puppy. Most senior dogs do not enjoy a puppy jumping on them or trying to play constantly. Many senior dogs have not been around puppies and may become jealous or impatient. We believe that an adopter's first commitment is to their current dog, whether it be a senior or not, and to consider their dog's needs above their desire to have another dog/puppy in the home.