



CANINE CARE + CONTROL

## Transfer Partner Agreement

Lucas County Canine Care & Control (LC4) is committed to protecting the citizens in the community, dogs in the community, adopters, and individual dogs in our care. Dogs will not be used for breeding purposes and will not be placed with organizations that intend to use the animals for breeding or profit.

LC4 agrees to accommodate a diversity of groups who will be valued and respected. LC4 transfer partners will have open communication and trust with the well-being of the animals as the highest priority.

Transfer partners can find dogs available for transfer via the transfer page of our website, this feed is updated every 30 minutes. The Care Center Supervisor will email out any urgent or high need ones to all approved partners

Transfer partners must contact the Care Center Supervisor or designee of what dogs they are interested in. Dogs are available on a first-come first-served basis.

All stray dogs will be held for a minimum of 72 hours to allow for potential owner to reclaim. Owner-surrendered dogs, however, may be made available to transfer partners as soon as possible to expedite placement. Transfer partners may express interest in any dog prior to eligibility, but transfers will not occur until the required holding period has been met. For dogs deemed adoptable, priority for placement will be given to interested members of the public.

If dog is to be spayed/neutered, arrangements must be made for pickup no later than 24 hours post-surgery unless otherwise approved by the Care Center Supervisor. If dog is to be transferred intact, arrangements must be made to pick dog up as soon as possible. If the dog in question is currently available for adoption once a transfer partner commits to the dog, a 24-hour hold will be placed during which time the dog will be otherwise unavailable. If the dog is not picked up during that window, it will again become available for adoption, and the transfer partner is still welcome to pick up the dog if it is still available when they are ready to pick it up.

If a transferred dog or puppy becomes ill with an upper respiratory infection within seven days of leaving the shelter, the transfer partner may call LC4 and arrange to pick up needed medications for that dog or puppy only. After that seven-day period, transfer partners are responsible for having any dog showing signs of illness examined and treated by their veterinarian at their expense. If the dog becomes ill to the point of needing hospitalized, or extensive treatment within the seven days, the transfer partner must have the dog examined and treated by their veterinarian at their expense.

Dogs will only be released by LC4 to one of the approved people listed on the Transfer Partner Application unless authorized by the Transfer partner on a case-by-case basis to be determined by the Care Center Supervisor. If a transfer partner wishes to change the listed representatives, the main representative must send an email asking for the person or persons to be added and specify which person or persons should be removed from the list.

LC4 reserves the right to determine final disposition of all dogs still in the care and custody of LC4, even if hold has been placed on them for transfer partner.

All dogs transferred will receive at least the following (unless age or medical condition prevents): physical exam by staff Veterinarian or Veterinary Technician, initial DHPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccine, Rabies vaccine, initial wormer, microchip with registration, and Heartworm test for dogs over six months of age. If a dog or puppy is on medications at the time of transfer, the remainder of the prescription will be dispensed to the transfer partner. If the medication is life long, the transfer partner will get a two-week supply to allow them time to get into to their vet for the prescription. Health certificates are available for dogs pulled from LC4, if requested.

The transfer partner agrees to comply with any applicable municipal, state or federal laws, including ensuring that final adopters license the dogs.

The transfer partner agrees to humanely house and care for the dogs as well as maintain minimum health-care standards that include a wellness check and ongoing wellness/preventative care. If an issue arises LC4 reserves the right to work with local cruelty agents to inspect property to ensure the safety of the animals within.

The transfer partner acknowledges that if a dog in the care/custody of the transfer partner come into the possession of the LC4, either seized running a large or turned in as a stray they are subject to fines and fees in accordance with the LC4 policy for reclaiming a dog. If their adopted dog comes in to LC4 as a stray and the owner does not reclaim, the transfer partner has first rights to reclaim the dog after the stray hold is up.

LC4 encourages Transfer partners to participate in open adoptions.

The transfer partner agrees to humanely euthanize animals that are aggressive and a danger to the public or are in such a state of physical suffering that a veterinarian recommends euthanasia.

Transfer Partners are required to provide full disclosure to any adopter, other transfer partner, or sheltering agency regarding any serious behavioral (i.e. aggression, separation problems, fear problems) or medical problems prior to placement of the animal.

LC4 reserves the right to temporarily or permanently discontinue the transfer partnership at any time if questions or concerns arise that may impact the safety and well-being of the animals until such time that the problem is corrected to the satisfaction of LC4.

As a transfer partner with LC4 I agree to uphold the items listed in this document:

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

(print name)

(signature)