**Pawzatively Canine Incorporation Spay/ Neuter Policy**

Our goal is to educate the public in the overpopulation crisis and take a firm stand on the spay/neuter issue by requiring all our puppies and dogs are not left intact. Statistically 50% of all animals that are turned into shelters are euthanized. Shelters and rescues cannot handle the influx of animals they see daily but do their best to help. The only way to stop the number of dogs abandoned and euthanized is to educate the public on the need to spay and neuter their dogs and to stop irresponsible breeding.

We spay/neuter all dogs prior to placement. The only exceptions that would allow us to adopt one of our puppies or dogs intact are as follows:

* The dog has health issues where neutering is not recommended because anesthesia may cause complications. – A note from the Veterinarian on his letterhead will be used as documentation.
* We scheduled your dog with our veterinarian for its scheduled spay or neuter and you are bringing it to that appointment. We will call to verify the procedure was completed.
* You have a veterinarian you prefer to use. We will schedule and confirm with that office the procedure was completed.
* The dog is too young to be neutered. (pups can be safely neutered at 6 months old. A female spayed before her first season will reduce her chances of mammary cancer almost 100%).

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