

RE Warning about 4paws4lifePetco Lakewood

Location **Colorado** https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-382991-z



To the posters concerned about the 4Paws4Life rescue, I am sincerely sorry that you were displeased with the hectic scene, but 4Paws4Life is the most successful dog rescue in the State of Colorado during the org's existence, with the most dogs rescued and adopted out every year. I can guarantee you it is not a scam, but rather a great non-profit full of good people putting in hard work and long hours to save these animals' lives. 4Paws pulls dogs that are scheduled to be euthanized from high-kill shelters in Texas and Oklahoma on a weekly basis - that is why there are so many barking puppies. The reason why they are in smaller cages is because the younger puppies are actually are more comfortable when they get to snuggle each other, and there is only so much space at the Petco location (which they very generously donate). I'm sure they would LOVE for you to donate some larger kennels, however.

Also, to my knowledge, at no point have they advertised \$50-100 dogs, unless it is an older dog who has been in foster for a very long time. Every dog's price is clearly marked on their website, they all come fully vetted, spayed/neutered and microchipped, and on the website's FAQ they plainly and openly address this seemingly "high cost":

"All of our adoptable dogs come fully vetted. On average, a young, healthy dog will cost us anywhere between \$150 and \$400 to make them ready for adoption. Unfortunately, some of our rescue dogs have more expensive health issues that we treat, including heartworm, which can run anywhere between \$500 and \$1500. Fees from the younger, more adoptable dogs often help offset the cost of caring for our more expensive cases. We also offer vetting for seven days after the adoption at our vet free of charge for issues that might come up like Kennel cough and other shelter related illnesses."

Next time, before you drive 25 minutes hoping to find a fully-vetted, microchipped, spayed dog to rescue, I recommend you do a little more research on the organization's website, or just call or email them. They are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Disclaimer I do not work for or am paid to endorse 4Paws4Life, but I have volunteered with them in the past and they are A GREAT ORGANIZATION DOING GREAT THINGS.

