**The Value of an AWLA Dog Adoption**

The following is included with dog adoptions from the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA). The value indicated is either the price charged by a representative Northern Virginia veterinary hospital or, the lower price charged by AWLA for those services, or products provided to the general public by AWLA.

 First veterinary exam (after adoption) $58

 Neuter surgery (including related costs) $573

 Or Spay surgery (including related costs) $621

 Distemper, Parvo combo vaccination $46

 Bordetella vaccination $24

 Rabies vaccination $10

 Heartworm test $68

 Dewormer (average) $19

 Pedicure $28

 Fecal test (when needed) $50

 Topical flea treatment $20

 Identification tag $6

 Microchip (pet recovery ID) $30

 Board $672 \*

 **Total Value $1,604 – 1,652**

\*Adopted adult dogs spend an average of 24 days at AWLA before going to their new homes. (Puppies spend an average of 20 days at AWLA.) Daily board fee at a representative veterinarian is $28. At a full service kennel, they can exceed $50. At AWLA, adult dogs are given behavior evaluations and all dogs live in large, sanitary, indoor dog runs, fed a premium quality food and socialized and walked by a combination of staff and volunteers.