

## Single Sailors Program

**Background:** This program strives to join our single Sailors with our lonely pups in need of care and attention. Those sailors residing in the barracks on base or living off base are authorized to join this program.

**Overview:** This program allows those service members to “adopt” one of our shelter canines until such time a true adoption is finalized in the community. The service member is able to take their friend for a period of not more than twenty-four hours to places such as offsite dog parks, beach, mountains, etc.

With permission of the Naval Air Station Lemoore Base Commanding Officer and Legal Department, Lemoore SPCA Halfway House is partnered to link single Sailors with a unique volunteer opportunity. The Single Sailors Program allows responsibility service members to temporarily “adopt” an in-need canine from the shelter. It is a sad fact that many dogs become violent or suffer great anxiety when exposed to pro-long shelter visits without substantial human interaction and time away from the kennels. This program will ensure that all our shelter animals receive the best possible care for future adoption within our community.

Due to the level of responsibility a program member must have, we ask that command staff only approve request to join the program for those members of high integrity, without significant behavior or legal troubles, and responsible to care for another living creature. The service members who join this program can take their respective canine on “vacations” for the weekend or longer if approved. This includes to areas such as the beach or mountains.

### Eligibility:

1. Must be service member aboard NAS Lemoore (Permanent or TDY)
2. Must not be married unless living as Geo-Bachelor
3. Must be approved by command to join program

### Program Rules:

1. The canine must have completed all required vaccines prior to leaving the shelter.
2. The canine must be approved for “adoption” under this program.
3. The canine must remain on the leash at all times outside of the service members vehicle and shelter unless permission is gained from shelter staff. Until a bond is formed, there is possibility of the canine “running off” and becoming a stray if not kept on the leash.
4. The service member assumes all reasonable care for the canine’s well-being while offsite. Should the canine become sick or injured, the service member should immediately contact the shelter for directions on care. The shelter will provide all required veterinary care and cost associated.
5. The service member shall ensure to clean up after the canine during their time together, ensure the canine has access to fresh water at all times unless in transport, and ensure the canine is fed with approved food during their visit.

6. The canine is not authorized base access unless specifically granted by the program manager. At no time should a canine be brought to the barracks aboard NAS Lemoore.
7. Consumption of alcohol is not authorized while in a “volunteer” status with the canine in your custody.

Required Items:

1. Must have and submit a copy of Drivers License
2. Must present (will not copy) a military CAC. DOD ID number will be recorded.
3. Must submit a copy of Page 2, Record of Emergency Data.
4. Must have special request chit, approved by at least LCPO, to enter program.
5. Sign in and record all volunteer time during each visit.