



The Adoption Process

I WANT TO MEET A DOG. WHAT DO I DO?

All of our rescued dogs are housed in foster homes. We do not have a facility like a city shelter or a pet store, where people can drop by and look at or meet the dog they are interested in. In order for you to meet one of our dogs, per instructions in their Petfinder bios, an application needs to be submitted and be approved. Submitting an application in no way obligates you to the adoption. We simply wish to insure the donated time of our volunteers and fosters is spent wisely on people who are a good match and a great choice for the dog they are wanting to adopt.

HOW DO YOU CHOOSE YOUR ADOPTERS?

Placement decisions are made based on compatibility and the needs of the dog. Environment is an important but secondary consideration.

Generally speaking, our fosters spend a good deal of time with our adoptable dogs and get to know them quite well. With this knowledge we develop a “wish list” so to speak, of things we believe would make favorable living situation for him/her. Each dogs’ list is different. The more things we can check off the wish list, the more likely you are to be chosen. Please do not feel if you were not chosen, we have labeled you unfit. Certainly not. It is simply a matter of more checked off wishes on another applicants submission. In the case where the decision is too close to decide, we will go with the application that was submitted first.

We are a rescue that thinks outside the “norm” in our placements because too often, an outstanding relationship between dog and human provides a far more rewarding experience for the dog/human dynamic than the more traditional desires of mainstream rescue organizations. Successful adopters of our dogs include, long haul truckers, people who live on houseboats, high rise condos and KOA campgrounds. We approved a bush pilot in Alaska and yachters traveling the west coast from South to North America. Far from traditional. Excellent compatibility.

IF I QUALIFY...WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

You will be contacted via EMAIL, by our adoption coordinator, generally within 72 hours of submission of your application, to arrange a time for you to come and meet the dog you applied for. This time may vary depending on the number of applications submitted and our ability to contact landlords and veterinarians. We do not require house checks but will conduct one if possible. If you are not local know we do not meet half way or travel to you so be prepared to take a little adventure to South Central Washington. We always prepare for success and so should you. If all goes well, you will be going home with your new family member/best friend the day of the meet and greet. For the mental stability of our rescued dogs, we do not allow "trial runs". What we know about the dog, you will know about the dog and we hope you can commit to the adoption without needing to test the dog out first. It's a sentient creature...not a used car. You will be asked to bring any dogs already living in the home, to the meet and greet, to insure all are satisfied with one another and no personality conflicts that could be dangerous to one or all, arise.

Adoption donations are cash only. The fees to use credit and debit cards take too big of a chunk out of our operational cash flow. Because we are a registered 501(c)(3), your adoption donation is tax deductible and we will give you a receipt for tax purposes. You will also receive a certificate of adoption, medical records and a rabies and microchip tag. We will submit your microchip tag information for you.

What do I bring with me the day of the Meet and Greet? Because we always plan for success, we ask that you bring a martingale or training style collar (see examples below) and a sturdy size appropriate leash. Martingale collars eliminate the possibility of a dog shrugging out of a harness or pulling/slipping out of a standard buckle style collar in the early days of it's life with you, and running away. This is a rule born of heart breaking experience. Crates are optional and depend largely on the distance home and the dog's comfort with crates/traveling.



Martingales Collars



Training Collars

We thank you for choosing adoption. Doing so shows you care about the homeless dog population and are committed to the life of a rescued dog. We realize the process can seem invasive and lengthy but we have made a promise to these creatures to insure the horrors that brought them to our door, remain in the past to never be repeated.

Your patience to the process is appreciated.