



PRE-ADOPTION CONSIDERATIONS

Thank you for supporting us by considering adopting one of our rescued dogs.

Adopting a dog is a big decision that shouldn't be taken lightly. It should be based upon your lifestyle and capabilities as a family or individual, rather than on your emotions due to the plight of Romanian dogs.

We ask that you read and think about the following considerations before making your final commitment. Please tick each one and sign below.

Dogs take time and commitment:

All dogs need exercise and mental stimulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dogs need to be walked for at least an hour a day over one or two walks	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dogs cannot be left alone for long periods of time	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training classes may be required to help with things like recall	<input type="checkbox"/>
ONLY positive reinforcement dog training, should be used (defined by rewarding wanted behaviours and ignoring (not punishing) unwanted behaviours).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Longer haired dogs need brushing, some may need professional grooming & all dogs need nails trimmed	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rescue dogs in particular need time and patience. Some may take weeks to settle and might never have lived in a home and:

May need toilet training (many have never lived indoors)	<input type="checkbox"/>
May need to learn how to walk on a lead	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will need to learn to bond with all family members	<input type="checkbox"/>
May exhibit food guarding behaviour so might have to be fed separately, away from people and other dogs. Even non-rescue dogs can exhibit this behaviour and they haven't had to fight for food	<input type="checkbox"/>
May be afraid of men and will need space to adjust (most dog catchers in Romania are male)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dogs cost money:

There is an adoption fee of £400.00 to cover costs incurred	<input type="checkbox"/>
A dog will need: collar & tag, bed, safety equipment for transportation, food & possibly a crate as a safe place	<input type="checkbox"/>
You may need to pay someone to care for them if you go away or to walk them if you are out most of the day	<input type="checkbox"/>
They need to have their nails clipped regularly and some may need specialist grooming	<input type="checkbox"/>
They need to be vaccinated annually, and de-wormed / treated for fleas and ticks regularly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vet visits may be required for other ailments and you should have pet insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>
You may need to purchase / install stair gates at our recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/>
You may have to pay for a trainer or a behaviourist to help you work through some issues.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for taking the time to read this document.

It is our wish that all our dogs have a home for life, so we ask that you consider carefully before making the final commitment. Although we offer rescue backup, it is unfair on the dog and a time burden on our volunteers to have to find another home for a dog after it has been adopted.

I have read and understood the above considerations

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____