



Thank you for enquiring about adopting a dog from Dogs Trust. We make every effort to ensure that all our dogs get loving new homes in an environment which brings happiness to both the new owner and the dog. Please read our rehoming policy below and we hope to welcome you at our Dublin rehoming centre very soon.

- All applications to rehome one of our dogs must be done in person at our Dublin rehoming centre and cannot be arranged over the phone or via e-mail.
- A home visit is required for the adoption to proceed. This is not as daunting as it sounds but we will need to see the place where the dog will sleep and that your garden is secure.
- If you have an existing dog or have owned a dog before we will normally contact your veterinary practice to ascertain that your pet has had any necessary treatment for doggy ailments in the past.
- We like all our adopters to attend a pre-adoption talk at the rehoming centre. These are held at least twice a week and will last approximately 40 minutes. Family members are welcome to attend if they so wish. Here you will learn tips on how to look after your new pet.
- If you live in rented accommodation then we will require written confirmation from your landlord that you are permitted to house a dog at the property.
- If you live in a County Council property then please be aware that your tenancy agreement may restrict you from adopting a dog that is listed as a restricted breed. Please ask our staff for more details on restricted breeds.
- The dog you are adopting from us must be registered with your local veterinary practice prior to taking them home.
- The majority of our adult dogs are homed as house pets and we prefer them not to be kept kennelled outside on a permanent basis. However the well-being of the dog is our principle concern and we do on occasion look to rehome dogs that may have a history of previously living outdoors. If this is the case then a home visit will determine if the outdoor accommodation is of a sufficient standard. The dog must never be kept on a tether/chain and the use of electric fences is not acceptable.
- Puppies will not be rehomed to live outside.
- Upon reserving a dog you must obtain a dog license (these can be purchased from your local Post Office, Local Authority or in some cases on-line from your Local Authority Website)

- If you already have an existing dog then we like you to bring your dog to the rehoming centre to meet the dog you are hoping to adopt. You will be asked to provide evidence of up to date vaccinations for your dog before the meeting takes place. These are noted on your dogs vaccination card.
- Identification and proof of address will need to be provided.
- Our adoption fee is €85.
- Dogs Trust is here to advise you on any aspect of caring for the dog. As with all newcomers it may take 6 months or more for the dog to settle in.
- If you are planning to move house, have an upcoming holiday, expect a change of working hours or a new addition to the family then we would prefer you to return to the centre once the event has passed.. We regret that dogs cannot be reserved for any longer than 7 days.
- As the dog's new owner you will be required to accept and acknowledge the full legal responsibility for any injury, loss or damage sustained by or to a third party caused by the dog.
- You must feed, house and care for the dog to Dogs Trust satisfaction and obtain qualified veterinary treatment in all cases of injury or illness.
- All adult dogs will be neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, wormed and have been treated with a preventative flea treatment prior to adoption by Dogs Trust. The only exception would be when a previously existing medical condition prevented one or more of these procedures from being completed. The dog will still require an annual booster vaccination and regular preventative flea/worm treatments.
- We always rehome dogs as companions not as a guard dog or for breeding purposes. The dog is of course not to be used for any form of experiment or stage purposes.
- If your existing dog is not neutered then please be aware that we will not be in a position to rehome a puppy to you.
- If the dog ever becomes lost you will be required to notify the Local Authority, Garda and Dogs Trust immediately.
- Under no circumstances should you part with the dog except to return it to Dogs Trust.

The joys and benefits of dog ownership and the friendship of man's and woman's best friend makes dog ownership a wonderfully fulfilling experience. If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact us on either 01 879 1000 or 1890 252 928.

Thank You – Go Raibh Mile Maith Agat