



Animal Welfare League
of Frederick County

SO YOU WANT TO ADOPT A DOG?

Our philosophy regarding dog adoptions is based on the simple goal of placing a dog in its forever home. To this end, we strive to match the right dog with the right individual or family.

WHERE WE WORK

Our dogs come from all sources...strays, dogs and puppies saved from euthanasia at area shelters, etc. We place dogs in homes throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area, Northern Virginia, Maryland, the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, and South Central Pennsylvania (South of Harrisburg).

HOW TO GET STARTED

Once they are ready for adoption, our dogs are posted on petfinder.com under Animal Welfare League of Frederick County. Most of your questions can be answered by reading the information about the dog and the adoption information on our web site (www.awlfc.org). If you are interested in one of our dogs, the quickest way to start the process is to submit a non-binding application on line, rather than call or e-mail us.

OUR ADOPTION PROCESS

Acknowledgement of Applications

We will acknowledge each application or inquiry received from within our service area within 24 hours. If you do not receive a response, please assume that your application was not received or send an e-mail to follow up. Please note: Our Petfinder listings make it clear that some dogs are not ours, but are instead courtesy postings for other rescues. If we receive an e-mail or application about another rescue's dog, we forward such emails on to the appropriate rescue, but cannot be responsible for their response time.

Vet Reference and Home Checks, Meeting the Dog, and Other Steps in the Process

If your application is a possible match, we will contact your vet for a reference. If you are a first-time pet owner, you are not required to provide a vet reference. We will, however, ask you to provide 3 personal references. We will contact you with the results of your vet reference. If the vet reference is unsatisfactory, you will



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be alerted to this. If it is satisfactory, we will contact you to discuss the dog, arrange for you to meet the dog, and arrange a home visit.

ADOPTION FEES AND SERVICES COVERED BY THE FEE

We require a non-tax-deductible adoption fee of \$250. Our vetting policy includes the provision of the following veterinary services and examinations, which are covered by your dog's adoption fee:

- Preliminary physical exam checking coat and skin, eyes, ears, mouth, teeth and gums, heart, abdomen, lungs, legs and paws.
- Neuter or spay and take-home medications like antibiotics or pain medications
- Vaccinations including rabies, distemper, and parvo
- Heartworm test
- Lyme Disease test
- Fecal exam and worming medication as needed
- Dental scaling and polishing if vet so recommends

For more information about dog adoptions, please visit our web site (www.awlfc.org) or call 301-663-5855.