

## **STANDARD ADOPTION PROCEDURE**

Although we are in need of good homes for our rescues, we do not just toss them to the first person who asks about them. We care about our dogs, and in some instances we require certain types of homes for the dogs temperament. We also try to make a match with the dogs temperament and your life style. We want the match to be suitable for both the dog and the new family. Thus we screen you by the following procedure.

- **We ask you to fill out an application and then someone will call and set up an appointment to do an inhome visit and/or bring the dog to visit. This depends on the geographic location of the dog and where it is being fostered.**
- **We check references (i.e. vet, etc)**
- **We interview you and meet your family and see what your needs are in dog**
- **We appraise you of the dogs energy level and positives and negatives**
- **We foster the dogs for a time to see their general personalities so we know what you should expect**
- **All dogs new to a household have an adjustment period. We believe in crates for limited amounts of time. This keeps the dog safe and it keeps your household safe.**

**You need to examine your reason for adoption.** A dog is not a playmate solely for your children's pleasure. It requires love, attention and care, health examined and clean environment. Some of the dogs require training and positive reinforcement. If you do not have the time to donate to a dog it is unfair to adopt it. Normally the reason it was given up in the first place is because the previous owner never had time for the dog or never trained it and it grew up to be unruly. All dogs learn. Terriers especially like problem solving and learning new tricks, and games. All training can be a fun experience for both you and the dog.

**We do not recommend the dogs we have - to people with children under 5 yrs old - as the dogs can jump and knock children over, and most of the dogs are intolerant of children (if stated) that is why they are up for adoption in the first place. Some dogs are only dog homes and we state that, as they have no tolerance for another dog, or have jealousy issues with their owners and other dogs.**

**We are all volunteers and our ultimate goal is to find the perfect home for our rescue dogs needs based on their personal needs. This reasoning has no reflection on you as a person. Some high energy dogs need homes with yards, lots have been attacked in yards that had invisible fencing, some have an aversion to being left alone and howl ... So if you are refused, it is in no way a reflection on you as a person. We try to work with each dog on an individual basis.**