

## Hopeful Hounds Rescue

### Terms of Rescue

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#### **Your commitment**

Please think very carefully before you decide to adopt an animal as it is not a decision to be taken lightly. We commit a huge amount of time, attention and resources to each dog and it is essential that you consider all aspects of how dog ownership will affect you before you offer one of our dogs a home. Please make sure to have read and familiarised yourself with our adoption process which is available to view on our website.

All dogs need exercise for mental and physical stimulation. It is important to understand what is an appropriate duration and intensity for each individual dog depending on their age, breed and energy levels. Each dog's advert will have an indication as to how much exercise is expected for the benefit of the dog.

It is also important to remember that training never stops and that you will need to work with your new dog in order to help them to settle into your home and learn new skills. This is why our team offer lifetime support so that we can stay in touch and help you with any issues that may crop up at anytime in the future. We are also proud to partner with Holistic Hounds – a dog training and behaviour company who are also able to offer one to one training and behavioural support for a variety of issues. Our team can pass on their details should you need support with your dog.

Taking on a dog is a huge financial commitment. When you take on one of our dogs, you are taking on the responsibility for the rest of his or her lifetime. It is therefore extremely important to consider the following financial elements of dog ownership:

- Food (including any supplements and long term medications)
- Routine medical care (e.g. vaccinations or titre testing, de-worming and de-fleaing, spaying/neutering ect)
- Emergency medical care (e.g. minor and major injuries, accidents and illnesses ect)
- Insurance (which will not include any medical issues known at the time of adoption. Medical history is not always available at the time of adoption for all of the dogs we work with)
- Training
- Complementary therapy (e.g. osteopathy, chiropractic, hydrotherapy ect)
- Care when away (e.g. boarding, day care or walking ect)

Medications and supplements may need to be carried on by new owners in order to treat or support an ongoing condition, allergy or sensitivity. If this is the case for one of our dogs, a member of our team will discuss this further with you and offer any appropriate recommendations.

### **Our commitment**

All suitable homes will be subject to a home check prior to any rescue agreement or a dog going out on trial. A home check will involve one of our team coming to assess the property for suitability and discuss how the dog will fit into your lifestyle and for you to ask any questions. In some cases, changes may be requested to be made to ensure the home is safe and appropriately prepared for the arrival of the dog.

It is in our interests to ensure all rescue dogs are rehomed to the most suitable family or individual possible. Therefore we will always be honest in our adverts and will never not give the full picture of a dog's behaviour, training level or any other information. We will also be honest about the training we have done with the dog and any issues we may have come across that will need further addressing or being aware of in the future. Our team will also be able to advise on whether we believe the dog will need further professional training in order to continue their journey and what that would entail.

All dogs rehomed by Hopeful Hounds will be comfortable with general obedience skills (sit and down) as well as being crate trained, understand place training (sitting on a bed), walk calmly on a lead and done the foundations of recall training. We endeavour to be able to expose each dog to a number of situations, such as being around other dogs, animals and children (where appropriate), grooming, nail trimming, washing as well as public spaces. All these elements will need to be continued with the new owners to ensure the dog is safe and comfortable being handled and exposed to numerous situations.

### **The finer details**

There is an adoption fee of £250 upon each successful application for each dog. This is expected to be paid within 24 hours of successfully completing the 6 week trial period and signing the adoption papers.

This fee includes:

- Two free one to one training sessions with one of the team at Holistic Hounds (usually one house session and one session out and about)
- Lifetime support from our team free of charge
- Access to group walks
- Any legal papers such as microchip information and passport (if applicable)

Hopeful Hounds offers a rescue back up space for all of the dogs we rehome should they need to find an alternative home after adoption. We ask that any owners who adopt from Hopeful Hounds to contact us as soon as possible if they need to rehome their dog to allow the team time to find a



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placement for the dog. This could take up to 2 weeks but our team aim to respond as soon as we can to reduce stress amongst all parties.