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PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHEN CONSIDERING ADOPTING A RESCUE DOG

We know how rewarding owning a dog can be and that the relationship you build with your dog can be a wonderful experience. We also know that getting a dog is a big commitment: in time, money and care. With thousands of dogs abandoned every year, it's worth spending some time thinking before deciding to get a dog. There's the time involved. A dog can live for 15 years; this is a long-term relationship. There's the cost of food, toys, vaccinations, pet insurance and vet bills. Finally there's lifestyle to consider; can you give a dog the attention, exercise and love he deserves?

Please remember this dog has already gone through at least one traumatic move and loss of home so it is essential that you are 100% committed. We will always do what we can to help you and ensure our dogs stay in their new home. We are not experts in dog behaviour and believe too many dogs have been abandoned by their owners and these dogs deserve a second chance with an understanding owner. Can you ensure that you can be that understanding owner? Although we are not behaviour specialists, we are a friendly, experienced rescue and can offer you advice. If your dog has behavioural issues we can put you in touch with experienced behaviour specialists who can help you.

Please make sure you are prepared to give your dog a chance and work through issues that might arise once the dog has settled in your home. Your new dog may be stressed, worried and uncertain of you, your family and the new surroundings. He/she **MUST** have time to adjust. By taking on a rescue dog, you will be taking on their past too, and this could be an unhappy one. Be accepting that they may need some time to adjust. Also please really do consider that pets need their own space, so you or your children should not disturb a dog when it is sleeping or eating. Never leave a dog alone with a small child. Supervise interaction to ensure children do not tease or overexcite a pet.

Some dogs get bored (especially young pups) when left alone, so may chew furniture and other items in your home. It is important to stimulate a dog with a toy to play with or a nylon bone to chew. It is your responsibility and not the rescue to ensure your dog is safe and unable to chew valuable items and furniture. (Crate training and advice will be offered to potential adopters).

The initial adjustment can sometimes be difficult as the dog may need to learn to trust again, or even for the first time. Separation anxiety, fear of noises and attempts to run away along with other things may occur. Dog ownership requires commitment and a responsible attitude, and should never be entered into lightly. He will prove to be a loyal and entertaining companion only if you are prepared to give enough in return. **Please remember that rehoming a rescue dog can be incredibly rewarding, but it can also be hard work.**

HYPS will be there to help you and advise you with your dog for the first month but we cannot be responsible if your circumstances change or you decide the dog is not really what you wanted. **Please be 100% committed before adopting.** The donation we ask for is not refundable, this donation is to enable us to rescue more dogs and pay for any veterinary treatment required. **PLEASE** think about this seriously before you adopt a dog from Rain Rescue.

Whatever dog you decide to get, or wherever you get him from, the most important thing to remember is that this relationship is for life, and hopefully your dog's life will be a long one.