

DREAM's adoption process



- 1) To **determine the "BEST FIT"** for your family and our adoptable, we ask you to send us an **Adoption APPLICATION** as this helps us learn more about you, your family and lifestyle. We are "match makers" and take careful measures to ensure our adoptions are life-long.
- 2) After reviewing the application, a **HOME VISIT** by a DREAM volunteer is scheduled, If approved your **REFERENCES** you provided are contacted. The next step - usually within a week or less, is a scheduled Meet and Greet.
- 3) A **MEET & GREET** is arranged for you to spend some time (usually abt an hour) with the adoptable. IF there are other pets in your family, the MEET/GREET will take place in a neutral location. Introductions to other pets and new people should be made slowly and carefully. We never "drop off the dog" As this could easily trigger abandonment concerns.
- 4) If your application is qualified as an "appropriate match" for both your family and the adoptable dog, you have the opportunity to spend quality time with our furry companion in your home for a "3 day weekend" followed by a "2 week trial period" preceding the final adoption decision. The adoption fee is \$175 - \$ 225 (depending upon the breed and age of the pet). The adoption fee is provided to DREAM when your adoptable dog BEGINS the trial period.
- 5) At the end of the 2 weeks , you inform us about the decision to adopt. If you choose to adopt, we cash the check. An adoption contract is signed, you receive vet records, helpful tips about nutrition, training information, and an adoption certificate. If you decide not to adopt, the \$\$ is returned to you, minus \$50. transportation charge.

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