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, then we contact the **REFERENCES** you have provided. 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 approved as an "appropriate match" for <u>both</u>, your <u>family and the adoptable dog</u>, you have the opportunity to spend quality time with our adoptable <u>in your home</u> for a "3 day weekend" OR a "2 week trial period" preceding the final adoption decision. <u>The adoption fee (\$ 175.) is provided to DREAM when your</u> <u>adoptable dog BEGINS the 2 week trial period.</u>

5) At the end of the 2 weeks or sooner, 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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