

TOP TIPS FOR ADOPTERS

Check the pet suits your lifestyle

To maximise your chances of **success**, only **commit** to the pet/s that match your lifestyle and the level of commitment you're able to offer.



Ask a lot of questions

Asking the rehomer lots of **questions** is another great way to ensure you have selected the right pet and make sure you can give them everything they need.



We can offer post rehoming **support** if you need it.



Checklist

See the next page for **important** considerations before you complete your adoption.

Get the right paperwork

Make sure you ask the rehomer for the details of the pet's **current vet**, their **vaccination records**, **microchip details**, flea and worming treatments, and any other relevant paperwork.



Be sensitive & respectful towards the rehomer

For most people, giving up a pet for adoption is **heart-breaking**. Please bear this in mind when you're chatting to a rehomer. Don't contact them once you've taken your new pet home – **speak to us first**.

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CHECKLIST for Dog Adopters

Before Taking the Pet Home

Health

Yes No



- Have I physically checked the dog over?
- Does s/he have any potential health issues that I need to ask about?
- If yes, have I requested and obtained the previous vet history?
- Have I seen any vet records or vaccination/microchip/neutering information if applicable?

Suitability

Yes No



- Am I sure the dog is a good fit for my household?
- Have I seen how the dog behaves when someone arrives at the home?
- Have I been on a walk with the dog to see how they behave?
- Have I seen how the dog behaves around other dogs?
- If I have a cat at home, am I sure that the dog will be OK with my cat?
- Have I double checked that the dog would suit my routine at home?

Connection



Yes No



- If I have children at home, have I seen how the dog interacts with children?
- Have my children met the dog?

Exchange

Yes No



- Am I able to collect the dog in the time frame that works for their current owner?

Consideration

Yes No



- Do I have any doubts?
If yes, **DO NOT TAKE THE DOG HOME** on this occasion and make arrangements to visit again, or contact the PetRehomer team to discuss your concerns.

Remember...



When you take the pet home, s/he becomes yours, and you are the new owner. PetRehomer can provide post-adoption advice and support. We are here to help, and can assist with most problems, but **we can't take the dog into our care if it doesn't work out.**

