

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.



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**.

We can offer post post-adoption **support** if you need it.



Checklist

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

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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?



Children

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.** Note that refunds will not be given if you change your mind after the adoption has completed.

