

Dog Rescue Newcastle
Adoption Questionnaire

Foster carers: Ask these questions of anyone who applies to adopt your foster dog, either over the phone or email this form to them

Full Name	
Street Address	
Suburb, State	
Post Code	
Home Phone	
Mobile	
Email	

We thank you for your understanding in answering these questions. Please understand that these questions are necessary so that we can be sure that the dogs in our care are rehomed only to compatible, loving homes.

1. Name and breed of dog you are applying to adopt	
2. Why are you interested in this particular dog?	
3. Please list the names and ages of everyone living in your house, including yourself, children and housemates	
4. Is your dwelling a free-standing house, duplex, villa, or apartment, etc?	
5. What size is your yard? (courtyard, small, average, large, acreage, etc)	
6. Is your yard fully fenced and gated?	
7. How high are your fences and what are they made of?	
8. Please list any other pets you currently have	
9. Is anyone home during the day or does everyone go to work or school?	
10. How many hours per day will the dog be home with no people at home? (Mon-Fri and Sat-Sun)	
11. Where will the dog be when no one is home?	
12. Where will the dog be when someone is home?	

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13. How much time each day will the dog be allowed inside the house?	
14. Where will the dog sleep?	
15. Do you have a kennel? a. If so, where is it located?	
16. How often will you walk the dog and for how long?	
17. How will you train your dog?	
18. Have you had a dog(s) before? (if yes, what breed(s))	
19. What happened to your previous dog(s)?	
20. Which vet did/do you use?	
21. What would you do if your dog suddenly needed lifesaving veterinary treatment costing \$1,000 (such as for a tick or being hit by a car)?	
22. What will you do with your dog when you go away on holidays?	
23. What arrangements will you make for your dog in case you are no longer able to look after him (such as moving to accommodation which doesn't allow pets)?	
24. Are you renting your home or do you own it?	
25. If renting, then if you're approved to adopt, we will need to see your Rental Agreement or contact your managing agent or landlord.	
26. If owning, then if you're approved to adopt, we will need to see proof of ownership such as a council rates notice or water rates in your name (not phone or electric).	
27. If approved to adopt, we'll need to see your driver's licence or other photo ID. Licence number:	

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What Happens Next?

Completion of this questionnaire does not guarantee the adoption of a dog from Dog Rescue Newcastle (DRN). This questionnaire is a tool designed to help us source the best possible forever homes for the dogs that we rescue.

If your questionnaire is approved then a 'yard check' must be completed by a DRN volunteer who will report back to the foster carer and to DRN. If the yard check is positive then you'll be invited to meet the dog. If your application is successful, the adoption fee must be paid in full prior to the release of the dog. All DRN dogs are subject to a two week trial. If you decide during the two week trial that you do not want to keep the dog, then when you return the dog to DRN, the adoption fee - minus a \$50 administration fee or your deposit - is refunded. Details: <http://www.dogrescuenewcastle.com.au/refunds.html>

If more than one application is received for a particular dog then DRN will decide which application is the most suitable for the dog. If the dog you apply for is adopted out to someone else, DRN volunteers can, upon request, try to recommend another suitable dog for you. Please keep an eye on our website www.dogrescuenewcastle.com.au or Facebook page because we add new dogs almost every day.

Thank you for applying to adopt a rescue dog and saving a life!

We understand that it may be quicker for you to get a dog from a pet shop or breeder so we appreciate your making the effort to adopt a dog and save a life.

There are many good reasons why it is better to adopt a rescued dog than to get one from any other source:

- You know what you are getting. The dog's foster carer can tell you all about his personality, preferences and needs. They can advise about the suitability of their foster dog for your home.
- While in foster care, our dogs have time to recuperate from being in the pound. Their health is assessed and they are given any necessary treatment so they are healthy when they are adopted.
- All our dogs are desexed, vaccinated, and microchipped and have their flea and worm treatments up to date. Adult dogs are also lifetime registered with the NSW Animal Registry.
- While in foster care, they receive basic training and often house training.
- All of our dogs start out on a 2 week trial. If it doesn't work out, you can return the dog and get your money refunded less a \$50 admin fee or your deposit if you paid one. Details: <http://www.dogrescuenewcastle.com.au/refunds.html>
- If you are no longer able to keep your rescue dog at any time, even years later, we will help you rehome him or her, or we will take him or her back.
- We are always here to support you for as long as you own one of our rescue dogs. If you have any questions or concerns at any time just give us a ring. We can help if your dog gets lost. We may be able to help arrange temporary or holiday care.
- If you don't have the time or dedication needed to raise and train a puppy then we are your best source of adult dogs. You can skip past the house training, chewing, and chaos of a baby and choose an adult. Adults are already trained and their size and temperament are known-and you *can* teach an old dog new tricks!
- It sets a good example for your children. Adopting a rescue dog presents a wonderful opportunity to teach your children the essential values of compassion, caring, and the selfless act of giving someone a second chance.
- Most importantly, by adopting a dog rescued from death row at the pound, you are saving a life!