



# Thinking of adopting a Wadars dog?

Deciding to adopt a pet is a big commitment and you need to spend time to think about what you really want, and more importantly what you are realistically able to cope with. So if you are thinking of offering a dog a home, you need to think about the breed, size and sex of what you would like.

When making the decision you need to take into account your own circumstances, eg. Do you have other animals; do you work; do you have a secure garden; do you have children at home or frequently visiting the property. Wadars will need this information to ensure as far as possible that you have chosen a dog who will fit in with lifestyle. It is Wadars' policy not to home dogs with families that have children under three years of age.

If you have seen a dog on the website you are interested in offering a new home to, contact the wadars team on 01903 247111 and you will be asked to fill out a questionnaire over the phone. Following that discussion our Animal Welfare Team will be in contact with you to discuss the type of dog that you are looking for. The next step is for a member of the team to carry out a home visit.

All members of your household will need to view any prospective dog, as it is imperative that you are all in agreement with any final decisions. If you choose a dog, it will be put on hold pending a home check; this means no one else can view the dog.

### Veterinary checks and procedures

All Wadars dogs are neutered, vaccinated, treated for fleas and worms, microchipped and come to you with four weeks free health insurance. We recommend that you continue with the insurance after the four weeks as unexpected veterinary treatment can be very expensive.

## Your accommodation

When you call Wadars to enquire about getting a dog a member of the team will go through a questionnaire with you. Part of that will ask about the type of accommodation you live in and whether you have a secure garden. Wadars is unable to home dogs to homes which do not have direct access to a secure garden. If you live in rented accommodation, Wadars will need to see written permission from the owner of the premises, agreeing to you having an animal in their premises – this will need to be put in place before a home visit can be carried out.

## The home visit

The purpose of the home visit is to discuss dog ownership with you and to ensure that you have made the right decision in adopting a dog, including the type and size of animal that you are interested in.

If both you and the home checker are satisfied, the paperwork has completed and the adoption fee paid, a dog will be released to you.

## Please note:

If you already have another dog or dogs in your home they must be fully vaccinated before a Wadars dog will be allowed to live with you. Evidence of vaccination must be available to the Home Visitor on their first visit.

### **Post-adoption check**

Two or three weeks after you have adopted a dog a follow-up home check will be arranged to see that all is well and ensure both the dog and you are happy together.

### **Financial Implications**

There is an adoption fee for all Wadars animals. The amount varies depending on which animal you have chosen. This will be discussed with you at the home-check.

A large part of owning any animal is ensuring that all their needs are met. This includes veterinary treatment, food and housing. Please ensure that you have considered the full financial cost of owning a dog before you contact us – this will include annual booster vaccinations, regular worming and flea treatments as well as any kennelling fees, and the animal's food.



If you would like to find out more about adopting a dog from Wadars then please give us a call on 01903 247111.