

## PLEASE READ

Before you confirm your interest in adoption, we would like to tell you a little bit about adopting a rescue dog.

**PLEASE DO NOT ACT ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT.** You need to be willing to take time out of your current lifestyle to help this pet who depends solely on you, to love them, to keep them comfortable, keep them fed, watered, clean, to teach them what you would like them to know and work with them to continue with the behaviours so that they can remember what you expect of them, to keep them up to date on any vetting that is needed. They are eager to please you and learn in order to receive your praise and love.

**Some** of the dogs in rescue are not housebroken. Potty training is one of the many behavioural issues that we do work on in our foster homes but sometimes that behaviour is not completely learned by the time they are adopted. This is something that you will have to work on in most cases when you get your rescue dog home. Whether they are potty trained or not - they will more than likely pee in your house until they are **taught** where they are supposed to pee, (where to use the potty is not something they will know when they come into your home, you will have to show them)...

**Please make sure your entire family is in 100% agreement with bringing a rescue dog into your home - and that they all also understand that accidents can and most likely will occur.** Some of these rescue dogs will be frightened of sudden movements, loud noises and sometimes even the touch of a hand. A few dogs may never even become a 'normal' dog due the neglect and treatment they received prior to coming into rescue. Many dogs also tend to run or bolt if given any opportunity to do so and can be very hard to catch because they are afraid. It takes time to build the trust, but they can go from being very scared to being totally dependent upon you, with time. These dogs are not 'perfect', but they can and will learn and they do deserve to be loved. With your patience, love and praise you will be amazed at how quickly they can learn what you expect of them. So, if you feel this is too difficult or challenging, then a rescue dog might not be the right dog for you. It is very important to understand as we are trying to find the best homes possible for these animals. These are living beings that have every right to belong to a loving, caring, understanding family **FOREVER!** How do you go about adopting a rescue dog? Before you do decide you would like to bring one of these little dogs into your home to become a member of your family you need to read the following about how our rescue works and the costs involved.

**There is a \$250 adoption fee for most of our dogs.** The adoption fees we ask for do not come close to the medical expenses let alone the daily cost of taking care of the dogs we hope to re-home. Additional expenses are out-of-pocket. We are all volunteers; there are NO paid employees in our rescue. The adoption fee is used to help with the veterinary care. All of the dogs in our care are fully vetted, spayed/neutered, have dentals if needed, are up-to-date on all vaccines, are heartworm tested and kept on year-round heartworm prevention. If they test positive for heartworm they will be treated. Any and all medical issues that our vets find or that arise while in foster care are treated. Our volunteers take these babies into their homes, care for, provide food and supplies out of their own pocket, teach, work with behavioural issues if needed, and love them as if they were their own pets until their forever home is found. **Donations** and **Fundraisers** are very important - we could not keep helping dogs without them.

**WE DO NOT ADOPT TO HOMES WITH UNALTERED PETS!** Read more on that subject ~ <http://www.hopeshaven.org/benefits.html>.

**In order to adopt one of these wonderful pups you will be required to:**

- Fill out an adoption application with all required fields completed.
- Have a veterinary reference that can be checked listed on the application with a valid telephone number (if your vet requires your consent before we can check the veterinary records you must contact your vet and give that consent). Without a veterinary reference, you will need to list two non-relative references with phone numbers and/or email addresses.
- Agree to a telephone and email screening as well as a home visit
- Complete and sign an adoption contract
- Pay the adoption fee

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Getting your adopted dog to you:** For long distance adoptions, transport is possible for some of our rescues. It is up to the foster home as to whether they believe an individual dog can handle a transport of any length or type. **Transportation is the responsibility of the adopting family.**

If you or someone you trust is not able to pick up the dog directly from the foster home, **you will need to discuss with the individual foster home** as to what options the dog can safely travel ie meeting the foster home halfway, ground transport whether professional or volunteer, or being shipped air (all costs incurred including fare, health certificate, approved crate, and any other necessity will be the new owners responsibility).

**\*\*\*** If you are serious about giving one of these adorable doggies a forever home and are able to give them all the care, love and attention they deserve, it is time to look through our available dogs for that special kid you feel would be a match to your family. **Please take a moment and introduce yourself to the foster home and they will assist you in the adoption process.**

Thank you,  
Hope's Haven-Chinese Crested & Hairless Dog Rescue, Inc.

**Once you have read, understand and agree to these terms, please contact the individual foster home to proceed with the adoption process.**