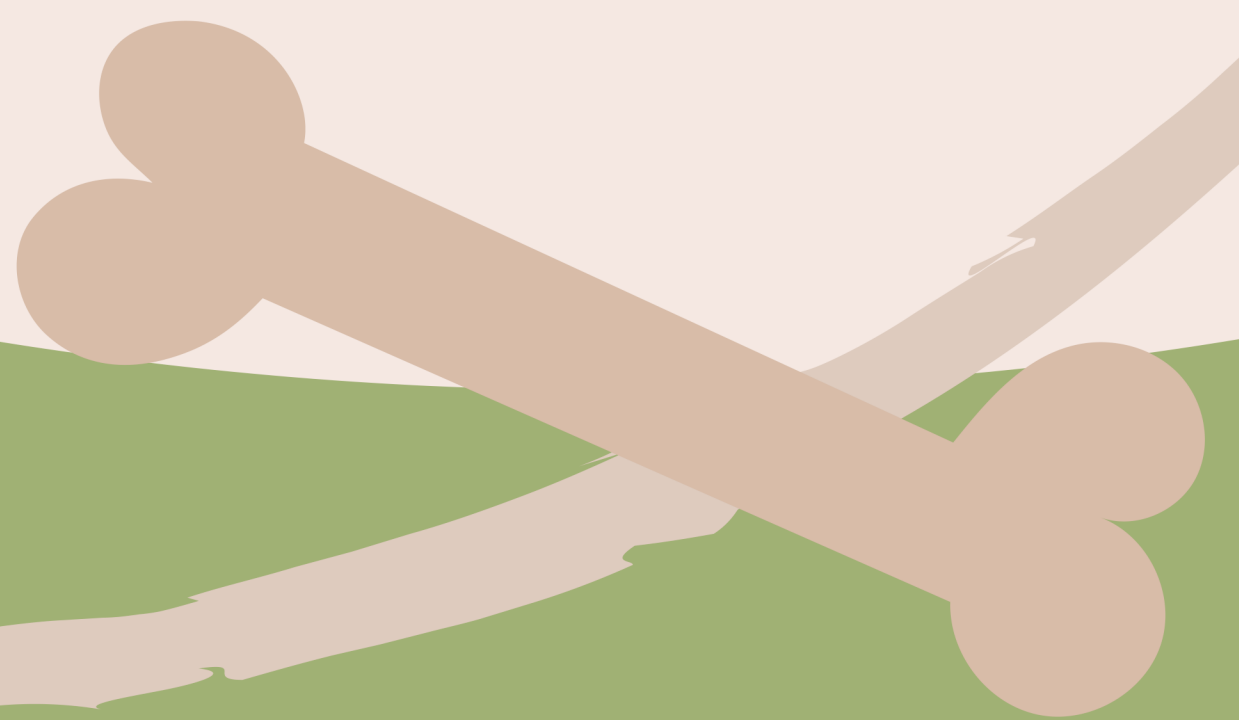


ADOPTING A DOG

PLEASE READ: Offering a home to a dog is a decision which should not be taken lightly. Any dog, rescue or not requires dedication, time, patience and love. Prospective owners should be committed to working with their new family member to overcome any hurdles or issues which may crop up.

Most of our rescues have a period in foster care where we assess them to give prospective owners an honest insight. Some will have been assessed whilst in kennels. Either way a period of adjustment when the dog arrives must be expected. This might go smoothly, or it might not, we cannot say, but all we ask is 100% commitment on your part to make this work.



In *most* cases dogs will only be homed where:

- There is someone around for part of the day or you can afford the cost of a dog walker.
- There is a totally secure garden with a 4 or 5ft minimum fencing/wall height (which is already in place). Please note: We do have some dogs suitable to home to properties without gardens (e.g. flats) but you should consider how toilet trips will work.
- There are no cats (unless cat friendly stated).
- Children are over 5 years old (unless the dogs have already lived with young children)



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Things to Consider

- Having a dog requires time and patience.
- Have you considered the costs involved i.e. vet bills and pet insurance? We are seeing the cost of pet insurance increase substantially. If you haven't owned a dog for a few years or you are looking for your first dog, please look at pet insurance prices – £100-150 a month is quite normal now for a life time cover.
- Would your lifestyle and routine suit a dog – a dog should not be left for more than 4 hours at a time.
- A dog most likely will require some training.
- Different breeds/ages of dog will require different exercise.
- Your home – are all family members happy to adopt and care for a dog? Is there a quiet area for the dog to relax? How will existing pets cope?



The Adoption Process

1. Fill out our application form providing us with as much detail as possible including the name of the dog you are interested in. Or send us a general application with details of what personality / age / any breeds you would consider.
2. Subject to a successful application form, we will arrange a home visit to meet you, discuss how we work and answer any queries you may have. At this time we will assess the environment the dog will live in and ensure it is safe and suitable. All members of the household should be there. Your garden MUST be secure before we visit. In some cases, we will bring the dog to meet you. This may include a walk in the area initially. It depends on individual circumstances, particularly if you already have other pets.
3. If you haven't met the dog at the above stage and your home check was successful, we will then arrange for you to meet the dog.
4. If the initial meeting goes well where we and you would like to proceed with the dog, we will arrange a suitable day and time for the dog to come to you.
5. When the dog comes to you, you will be asked to complete our adoption agreement and make an adoption donation. Our minimum adoption donation is £400 for adult dogs. Adoption donations for puppies include additional costs and will be clearly explained on any posts and when speaking with you.

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Please be aware that the adoption donations rarely cover the cost of rescuing the dog – with transport costs, vet bills and general care for the dog needed the actual cost is often much more. If you can, please consider an additional donation so we can continue to help rescue dogs for more families. The charity will always be there to support you and the dog and are happy to remain in touch.

Please note that:

- Our priority is the well-being of the dog and we base our decisions on what is best for the dog.
- Jersey Rescue Dogs reserve the right to inspect a dog if there is a cause for concern once adopted and if necessary have the dog return to our care.
- Adoption donations are non-refundable.

An Adopter's Responsibilities

- To give the dog the loving and safe home they deserve.
- Only to let the dog off the lead when in a safe environment when it has a solid recall but never to be off lead on the road.
- To not breed or use the dog for any purposes of financial gain.
- To keep the dog indoors as a family pet.
- To keep the dog in a sound and healthy condition, ensure veterinary treatment is given when necessary.
- The adopter is responsible for pet insurance (recommended) and any veterinary costs incurred.
- To not have the dog euthanised unless recommended by a veterinary surgeon.
- If you are unable to care for the dog or the dog needs to be re-homed, they must be returned to the charity.
- To notify the charity of any serious medical issues that arise and if the dogs become lost or stolen.
- The dog always wears a collar with an identity disc at all times, and you have applied for the relevant licence in the jurisdiction you live in.

