



Thank you for considering adopting a dog through Springer Rescue for Scotland. This leaflet will give you some more information about our adoption process, and details of how to contact us if you would like to chat to us before you apply to adopt a Springer.



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Adoption Process

Step 1: Registering to adopt



Firstly, you will need to read and complete a Registration form. This includes a questionnaire to tell us something about you and your circumstances, so that we can try to find you the perfect canine companion.

Step 2: Home check and other references

Once you have submitted this form one of our rehoming team will get in touch to arrange to meet you (and any other family members) in your own home. This meeting lets both you and us cover much of the ground of the registration questionnaire in more detail, and also lets us check things like the security of the garden, the likely living arrangements and so on. It will give you a chance to ask questions, and make sure you are ready to receive your new family member. We will also ask for a vet reference and/ or personal reference. This is an essential step to inclusion in our registry for potential placement of a Springer Rescue for Scotland dog.

Step 3: Find your perfect partner

If you are approved, we may not be able to offer you a suitable dog immediately. However, when the right dog for you becomes available, we will provide you with all the information we have, including veterinary information etc, prior to placement.
Please Note: All dogs that come into Springer Rescue for Scotland's care are vet checked, wormed and flea treated. Neutering is within our adoption agreement, and must be done within an agreed time of the dog coming into your care. This is non negotiable.

Step 4: Homeward bound!

When we have a potential dog for you we will ask you to come and visit the dog in his or her foster home. It is important that all the family get to know the dog and share in the decision that this is the right dog for you. You may be together for more than the next 10 years! If you already have another dog, then we will arrange for them to meet and see that they get on together before the adoption takes place. Don't expect the impossible from your current dog – tolerance will do to start with, friendship comes later.

Step 5: Adopting your dog

Assuming all the veterinary treatment has been done and the home check and subsequent homeward bound visit are satisfactory, you will be able to adopt your dog. The dog will be handed over to you by an SRS volunteer, as there is an adoption agreement that must be signed before the dog becomes part of your family. You will also be asked to make an appropriate donation to SRS when you receive your dog. This will help towards the cost of veterinary treatment, telephone calls, kenneling, foster care and travelling expenses.

Step 6: Follow Up

We will contact you in a week or so to see how things are going. Often it takes time for both dog and owners to 'settle in' - please contact us at any time for help and advice. We will also be in touch and / or arrange to visit you and your dog once he or she has been home for about six weeks. We will always be available if you need our help, and we will always be delighted to hear updates on how SRS dogs are getting on!
Occasionally an adoption does not work out – don't feel bad about this, some matches are just not going to 'gel'. In these cases we ask that you contact us to arrange to return the dog to our care.



We are sure that you have thought hard about your ability and desire to commit the necessary time, love and energy to care for one of our rescue dogs. If you have any other queries, or would like the chance to discuss adoption with one of our rehoming team, please get in touch on 01698 333 734 or email us at rehoming@springerrescuescotland.org

