

# The Adoption Process

Adopting a dog from Piney Mountain Foster Care is a little different from going to a local shelter, picking out a dog and taking it home with you. We want to do our best to make sure the dog ends up in a loving environment not an abusive or neglectful situation, so we do some checking to be sure the applicant is not a known animal abuser and has a record of providing proper care to their animals.

1. The first step is to familiarize yourself with the dog. If you found us on PetFinder, RescueMe, or Facebook, click through to the <https://PineyMountainFoster.org> web site and open the page related to the dog you are interested in. Here you will find all the known information about the dog along with photos and videos. We put it all in there, good and bad, so you can decide if the dog is right for you and your home.
2. If you are local (we are near Newport in East Tennessee) you may schedule a meet-n-greet with the dog. If you have another dog we recommend bringing him or her with you to see how the two dogs react to one another.
3. Next complete the Adoption Application form and get it to us. This can be done at a meet-n-greet. If done remotely, print the form, fill in all the blanks, and sign it. Scan it and e-mail it back to us or drop it in the mail. If you can't print things, ask and we'll mail you a copy.
4. The form will be turned over to our Adoption Coordinator, Dennis, who will check the vet reference, check the animal abuse databases, and attempt to verify the information you've provided. Because everyone's situation is different, we ask for basic information on the form and Dennis will contact you to discuss and clarify any finer points.
5. The final decision is made by a committee of our Board of Directors who consider the applications submitted and the Coordinator's findings. This is done as applications come in. If the perfect home is found, they will proceed immediately. If there is a lot of interest we will collect a few applications and choose the best one.
6. Once a decision is made, all viable applicants are notified of the adoption, beginning with the one chosen to adopt.
7. An adoption Contract is then completed and signed by both parties. If the adoption is done remotely, see step 3 for details. Being a legal document, an actual signature is required. The adoption fee is due at this time.

8. If the dog is to travel across state lines, Piney Mountain Foster Care will have our veterinarian do an examination and issue an Interstate Health Certificate that will travel with the animal, as well as the dogs complete medical record, to the adopter. A Health Certification is good only for 10 days so travel plans and certification appointment need to be coordinated to be sure the dog arrives at the destination before the Cert expires.
9. Piney Mountain Foster Care will microchip the dog. The microchip number is included with the dogs medical paperwork. It is then up to you to register and keep that information updated if you move or get a new phone number.  
(<https://www.freepetchipregistry.com/>)
10. The adopter arranges for transportation from Piney Mountain Foster to their location. Some states require a dog from out of state to be held in a state approved quarantine facility for a period of time to be sure they carry no infectious diseases or parasites. If your state requires this, you must book a reservation for the quarantine stay.
11. If a transport service is used (we have worked with P.E.T.S. LLC and with H.E.A.R.T.S. LLC) let us know which one you choose and we'll tell you which pick-up point to schedule. The service will notify us of the pick-up time and we will get the dog to the transport. The adopter will meet the transport on their end to pick-up the dog.
12. We appreciate it when adopters keep in touch. Piney Mountain dogs often develop a fan club through our postings and the fans (who include many of our donors) enjoy seeing that a dog is settling in well with their new family. Happy endings to what are often sad beginnings are wonderful things.



# Piney Mountain Foster Care

Adoption Application for: \_\_\_\_\_

The dog's name

Use the back of this page, or attach pages as needed, to supply the information requested.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you experienced with dogs? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ Do you currently own dogs? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If so, how many, what breeds, and ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own other pets or livestock? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

Do children stay with you? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ If so, their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in: An apartment\_\_\_ Multi-family residence\_\_\_ Single family home\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_

Is your residence: In a city\_\_\_ Suburban\_\_\_ Rural\_\_\_ Other (describe)\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a yard? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ If yes, is it fenced? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

Type and height of fence? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this dog stay in day time? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this dog sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will the dog be left alone while you work? \_\_\_\_\_

Your veterinarian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Piney Mountain Foster Care warrants that all animals placed up for adoption have been thoroughly examined and are as we have described concerning medical and behavioral condition. It is YOUR responsibility to carefully examine the information we have presented about this dog. Because PMFC cannot, in most cases, conduct a personal interview with your family and do a home inspection, we will contact you to get additional information to be sure there will be a good fit between you and this dog.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Return the completed form to  
Piney Mountain Foster Care  
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