



Adoption Policies/FAQ's

Before you fill out an application please be sure that rescue is the option you choose to add an addition to your family. Please don't use our time to take you through the process only to tell us you've changed your mind or you bought a puppy etc. We would like our volunteers to focus their efforts and time on those applications that are serious in helping a rescued animal. This is not a first come/first serve procedure as we take great care in matching our dogs to prospective homes.

All applicants are contacted via email once the application is received. Please check your email frequently for our response to your application

Once the references have been checked on your application, a home visit will be scheduled with or without the dog depending on your location relative to the foster home. Regardless, once the HV is completed you will be connected with the foster home if you haven't already and they can answer any specific questions you have about the dog and schedule the meeting/adoption with the dog. The dog must meet any other members of the household (including your 4-legged members!) to ensure it is a good match for your home.

All adopters must be 21 years of age or older.

Insurance: Please note that some insurance companies may cancel your homeowner's insurance if you own a Rottweiler, Pit bull, Doberman, German Shepherd, Alaskan Malamute, among others depending on your insurance policy. It is the responsibility of the adopter to check with their agent prior to adopting one of these breeds to make sure doing so will not adversely affect their policy.

Adoption Fee: Unless otherwise noted, the adoption fee, which is based on the age of the animal, is expected upon the day of adoption. We accept personal checks, money orders, cash or PayPal. We do not “foster to adopt” the animals. All animals are temperament tested by our volunteers and their health and temperament monitored prior to placement.

At the time of adoption you will receive an adoption folder, which contains all of their medical records, as well as, informative training tips to help ensure success in their new home. We strongly encourage you to read through this material as soon as possible. Adoption fees are non-refundable. All animals are spayed/neutered and vaccinated prior to placement.

Animals adopted through Potter’s Angels Rescue, Inc. are not warranted for health or behavior/temperament. Animals undergoing medical treatment at the time of adoption will be released only with a medical waiver.

Whether you live in the city or in the country, no dog can be safely left to run "free" without your direct supervision and control. The price of such "freedom" is inevitably injury or death: from automobiles, from Animal Control, or from justifiably irate neighbors. Many state laws allow a livestock owner to kill any dog chasing or "worrying" his stock, or "running" deer on his property, and livestock owners are quick to act on this right. If your yard is not fenced, we will require the dog to be on lead at all times.

PAR is under NO obligation to adopt an animal to any individual.

Please be advised that we are volunteers. We all have full-time jobs, families, and animals of our own. Many of us work more hours doing rescue work than we do at our full-time jobs. While we make every effort to process applications and return phone calls immediately, this may not always happen. Please, be patient with us. Emergency medical calls and calls about the safety of our animals take priority. Application processing time average 1-2weeks depending on the volume of applications received and the presence of puppies on the website.

Do you adopt to people who don’t live in VT?

Yes, we adopt to people that live all over New England. The adopter must be able to video chat. The family must also make the drive to VT to pick up the animal.

Is Potter's Angels Rescue affiliated with other shelters/rescue groups in New England?

No – though we share great relationships with a variety of other animal welfare organizations throughout Vermont, and often work to place animals from other organizations into homes. PAR is an independent not-for-profit organization. We are not affiliated with, nor do we receive any funding from, other shelters, animal welfare organizations, or the federal or state government. Our organization is operated by dedicated volunteers, overseen by a volunteer board of directors, and funded completely by the generous donations of individuals and businesses.

Can you guarantee me that the animal we adopt is 100% healthy, and has no behavior problems?

PAR makes no explicit or implicit guarantees in reference to the health and/or temperament of the Animal. The Animal is adopted “as is” and the Adopter shall assume all responsibility for the treatment of any and all kinds of existing conditions and any other conditions of physical or temperament changes that may occur. If you are struggling with behavior issues we recommend that you contact one of our trainers right away to help you. In fact, we at Potter's Angels Rescue believe so strongly in effective communication with your dog that we provide a \$25 gift certificate to one of our trainers to use after adoption.