

Spirit Canine Rescue – Adoption Policies

These are reflected in our adoption application and contract:

- Adoption fee of \$150 (maximum)
- Adopters must be at least 21 years old
- All adult dogs are spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated and dewormed, heartworm tested, and microchipped; puppies have all age-appropriate shots, and are required to be spayed/neutered when old enough
- A completed adoption application (including vet and personal references) and home visit are required prior to adoption
- If renting, must have confirmation from landlord that adopter is permitted to have the dog in the home
- Dogs must go to INDOOR ONLY homes
- Dog must be fed at least twice a day, with fresh water at all times
- Dog must not be isolated, chained or tied
- Dog will not be attack-trained or used for any purpose other than companionship
- Dog will not be let loose to roam, will always be leashed or in an enclosed yard or fence
- No tail docking or ear cropping
- Dog will receive regular (at least yearly) vet care and will have all required vaccinations, including rabies, distemper/parvovirus, yearly fecal checks and heartworm test
- Dog will receive heartworm preventative for continuous protection against heartworm
- Adopter affirms that no member of the household had been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, abandonment, or cruelty
- Adopter will ensure proper licensing of the dog and will attach appropriate license tags (if applicable), rabies tag, and personal ID tag to a non-choke collar to be worn at all times
- If the dog cannot be kept, it must be returned to the rescue
- Spirit Canine rescue shares the background and known medical history of the dog with adopter.