

CBR Adoption Process

Colorado Beagle Rescue, Inc.
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I. Requirements

- a. Have a telephone interview with a CBR volunteer.
- b. Must have a fenced back yard. Fence height must be four feet or more, a six foot fence is preferable.
- c. Someone home during the day or part time.
- d. A doggie door is nice.
- e. In order to match the dog with your family, we need to know your preference for gender, age, size, color. The number of children you have and their ages. Do you have any other pets, and do they get along with dogs?
- f. Are you willing to wait for the right dog?

II. Application

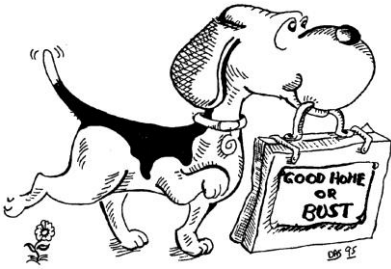
- a. If you have Internet access, you can go to our Website at www.ColoradoBeagleRescue.org and click on the Articles & Forms page. Print out the Adoption Application and Agreement. Mail the completed form to the Colorado Beagle Rescue, Inc. PO Box 2704, Littleton CO 80161-2704
- b. If you don't have Internet access, a form will be mailed to you. Complete it and forward it to the address above.

III. Home Check

- a. During a home check we observe the back yard and fence to make sure it is secure and beagle proof. Inside the home we check for poisonous plants, where the trash is kept, where the dog will sleep at night, where the dog is kept during the day, etc. For more information about the home check requirements, check the web site's Articles & Forms page.
- b. If a problem is found, it has to be corrected before you obtain a CBR beagle.

IV. The Match

- a. Once the home check is completed everything is shown to be secured, you'll be contacted to let you know if a match has been found for your family.



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V. Meeting The Beagle

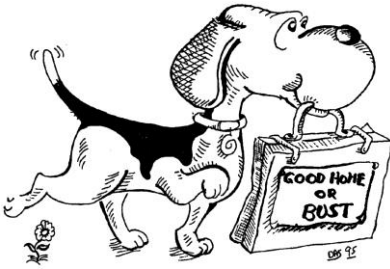
- a. You will be given the name and phone number of the home where the beagle is located (foster home or shelter). If the dog is at a shelter, you will work with the shelter and not CBR, this is called a referral. Otherwise you will call the foster home and make an appointment to meet the dog.
- b. If you already have a dog, bring it to meet the new beagle, and to see how the two dogs get along. Leave your dog in the car while you meet the beagle. If you think this is the dog for you, get your dog from the car and bring it to the front yard to meet the beagle and see how they get along.
- c. It is a good idea to have the dogs meet, while on a leash outside in a neutral area away from the new dog's territory.
- d. Then take both dogs into the back yard, and let them socialize off leash.
- e. If you think this is the dog for your family, you can take him/her home right away. You will leave the adoption agreement and donation check with the foster family.
- f. The dog's family should give you information regarding the dog's behavior, temperament, schedule, and commands. They should also give you the dog's possessions like a crate, bedding, blanket, toys, leash, collar, dishes, food, etc.

VI. You Now Have A New Dog

- a. On your return home, go through the same meeting process as before. Again, have the two dogs meet in a neutral area, across the street, at the corner or at a nearby park. Once they socialize again, everyone walks home together. This is your dog's idea of bringing a new friend into his/her territory. Take both dogs into the backyard and let them play off leash.
- b. Afterwards, bring the new dog into the house on a leash, and show the dog where his/her bed, crate, food, dishes, toys will be located.

VII. The Follow Up

- a. CBR will call you after a few days and ask how the dog is doing. If you have any problems or questions, call CBR right away.
- b. Please give the dog a chance to adapt to his new environment. Don't have too many visitors all at once, because this confuses the dog and may stress him.



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VIII. After Adoption

- a. If within 4 weeks of adoption you find the dog is not working out, then CBR will refund your donation and take the dog back. You will be asked to keep the dog until a suitable home is found.
- b. If after 4 weeks your family's circumstances change (divorce, move out of the country, move to a non pet friendly location), the dog must be returned to CBR. Please give CBR as much advance notice as possible, so that a foster home can be found for your dog. Your adoption donation will not be returned.
- c. You'll be asked to fill out the Relinquishment Application and Release. These can be found on the CBR Website under the Articles and Forms page. Send all his current medical records and any other pertinent information on the beagle. This includes three current photos of the dog (digital photos can be sent to CBR@ColoradoBeagleRescue.org), a short biography on his temperament and behavior, and a \$50.00 placement donation.

IX. Call CBR If:

- a. Anything happens to the dog (got lost or stolen, died).
- b. You have questions regarding the dog's behavior.
- c. You have moved.
- d. You have changed phone numbers (home, cell, work numbers), email address, alternate contacts.
- e. If your dog needs a new CBR tag.

X. Volunteers Needed

- a. CBR is always in need of volunteers. Check the Volunteer Info and Application on the Articles & Forms page.

XI. Last But Not Least

- a. CBR has an annual beagle picnic for all of the CBR families, their beagles and volunteers. A picnic invitation will be sent to you.