

Adoption Conversation With Someone Interested In Adopting A Beagle

1. First and foremost, we do require that you have a fenced in backyard, at least four feet high. A 6 foot privacy fence is ideal, and a doggie door would be nice.
2. If someone calls wanting to give a beagle as a surprise gift, tell them we don't do surprises. The family must meet the dog first, and they must decide as a group that this is the dog they want.
3. If someone calls and wants to adopt a beagle, explain CBR's adoption process. It's also on the website.
 - A. We ask that you complete an application for us. I can mail this to you or we can do the application over the phone. Or you can go to our Web site at www.ColoradoBeagleRescue.org, print the form from the Articles and Forms page, fill out the two pages and mail to the Westminster address.

Do this if the family is a good prospective family. If they are not (for instance they live in an apartment, townhouse, or condo, or they are gone 10-12 hours a day and the dog will be kept in a kennel or inside the house without access to the outside), give them the ABRN Hotline number 303-989-7808 for another breed referral.

- B. Ask the person to tell you a bit about his/her/their lifestyle. Tell us if you have any children and what their ages are, if you have any pets and what they are, if you're established with a vet, and how many hours someone is home during the day and evening. Do you have a problem with the dog getting on the furniture, because beagles like to cuddle next to people, sit on their laps, or sleep in bed with the kids?
 - C. After CBR receives your application and reviews it, we do a home check. This means a volunteer from Beagle Rescue will call you and schedule a convenient time to come to your home and meet with your family. This gives us an opportunity to meet you and your family and to be sure the beagle is going to the best home possible. The volunteer will check your fence to be sure it's secure and escape proof. He/she will walk around the yard checking for any gaps or holes in the fence where a little beagle can get out. The volunteer will also want to see where the beagle will be kept during the day and where it will sleep at night.
 - D. After the volunteer gets back to us and says "yes" this looks like a good home for a beagle, we see what dogs we have available. We then "match" the dog to your family. Once a match is made, we call you and let you know where the dog is. Then you can call and make an appointment to see the beagle. After you have visited with the beagle and decide this is the dog for you, you may then take him/her home with you.
 - E. When you do adopt through us, we will give you a Rescue Packet, which contains articles we have collected over the years that we feel are very beneficial to the new family. You may also print these same articles from the CBR Web site's Articles and Forms page. Also included is a book called "Your Second Hand Dog" and two Adoption Agreements which state you will keep the dog for the rest of its life. You sign, date, and return one completed form and keep the other form for your records. When available, the medical records and registration papers must be included. You may also print the Adoption Agreement from our website.
 - F. During the first week of adoption, we will be in touch with you to be sure everything is going well, and we encourage you to call us if you have any questions or problems or concerns regarding the dog. We don't want any problem to escalate, so please call us so we can address the problem and help to make the beagle a wonderful companion for you and your family. Please do give the beagle a little time to adjust to his/her new surroundings and the new family. Don't have all your friends and relatives come over right away. Give the beagle a few days before introducing him/her to everyone.
 - G. Later a rescue tag will be mailed to you. On one side are the dog's name, dog's CBR rescue number, and your phone number. On the other side are the two Beagle Rescue phone numbers. That way, if the beagle gets away from you and whoever finds the dog cannot reach you, they can contact us.

- H. We suggest you have a microchip implanted in the dog as soon as you decide this is the dog for you. If the dog already has a chip implanted, you can get the transfer form from our website and send it in to AKC with the dog's new information.
 - I. We do give you a period of 30 days, so that within that time you find that's not the beagle for you, we will take the dog back and refund your donation.
 - J. If for any reason you are no longer able to keep the beagle, the dog will return to Beagle Rescue and we will find it another home. You are not allowed to take it to the shelter or give it to a friend or relative or sell it.
4. The beagles that are relinquished come to us from families who may be going through a change in their life such as:
 - A. A divorce
 - B. Moving from a home to an apartment
 - C. People who have small children and find they just don't have time for the dog
 - D. People who have not interacted with the beagle or shown it the proper way to behave and they have just given up on the dog and don't want to deal with it anymore.
 5. We have no facilities, so when someone relinquishes a beagle to us, we usually ask the family to keep the dog until we can find a permanent home for it. If we feel the beagle is in an abusive situation or the people have to relinquish the beagle to us right away, we may have a foster home available to keep the beagle. These are rescue volunteers who open their doors to these little beagles and take care of them until a permanent home is found.
 6. We ask the people relinquishing the beagle to us to also complete an application telling us about the beagle. We find out if the dog is good with children, other dogs, and cats. We learn whether it's housebroken, if it's a barker, digger, jumper, chewer, or whether it's scared of anything such as thunder or lightening. We make sure all our beagles are spayed or neutered and their vaccinations are all up to date. We will also address any other medical attention the dog may need before it is adopted.
 7. We are a non-profit, tax-exempt, tax-deductible organization. We do ask for a donation of \$150 or \$60 for people 60 and older when a family adopts a beagle. This money helps Beagle Rescue with the cost of spaying/neutering, vaccinations, long distance telephone calls, postage and printing charges. We get no compensation for what we do--the money all goes to help future beagles coming to us.
 8. We do ask the family relinquishing the beagle to us to let as much of the dog's belongings come with it as possible; such as bedding, toys, dishes, and food. We also ask them to give the new adopting family a brief outline regarding any commands the beagle may know and also any routine they have established with the dog. With these things in mind, we feel that the transition will be a lot less stressful for the beagle going from one home to another since it will have some things that has its scent on them, plus will hear familiar words and continue with familiar routines.
 9. Last, but not least, tell them about our annual Beagle Rescue Picnic. We have a lot of food, games, prizes, best dog trick, and best dog costume.
 10. All of the applications, contracts and articles can be found on our Web site's Articles and Forms, and you can print them for your convenience.