

Colorado Beagle Rescue, Inc.

Guidelines for Selecting a Prospective Adoptive Home

You must be able to answer "yes" to each of the following questions for Colorado Beagle Rescue, Inc. to begin processing your application for adopting one of its beagles. If you answer "no" to any question(s), CBR is unable to process your application. Answering yes to all questions does not assure that you will be accepted as an adoptive family.

1. Can you give a loving home and devote time, energy, patience, and especially love to train and care for a dog?
2. Do you live in a private home?
3. Do you have a fenced yard with at least a 4 feet high fence and a way to secure the gate? Some beagles are jumpers and some are diggers.
4. Have you researched the beagle breed? Beagles have their own needs and peculiarities, and it is important for you to know these.
5. If you rent your home, does your landlord allow you to have a dog?
6. Is everyone who lives in your home free of allergies to dogs?
7. Is there a complete family commitment for the new dog? A lot of problems are caused when one family member wants a dog and another does not. CBR does not want the dog to cause family problems. CBR wants the dog to feel loved by every member of the family.
8. If there are children under the age of 6 years in your home, CBR will not allow you to adopt a dog less than nine months old. Is this acceptable to you? Small children are often cruel to animals without intending to be, and unless the parents are prepared to supervise their children, a young dog is not for them. A beagle is not a plaything or a babysitter for children. A dog older than nine months can be placed with a family having children of any age.
9. Will your dog have outside access during the day? This can be accomplished by someone being at home during all or part of the day, your dog having access to a dog door, or someone available to let the dog out at certain times of the day (i.e. lunch time).
10. Will you treat your dog as a member of your family?
11. Will you provide your dog indoor sleeping quarters?
12. Will you give your dog all care and attention necessary to ensure its health and well being?
13. Will you provide adequate food to keep your dog in good condition and at a proper weight, fresh water, shelter, and exercise?
14. Will you assume full responsibility and liability for the dog and its actions?
15. Will you keep the dog from running free or off leash or out of immediate control? Beagles have an acute sense of smell, and they will take off if given the opportunity.
16. Will you take every precaution to prevent the dog from escaping out any door that leads to a non-fenced area?
17. Will you never chain or stake out the dog?
18. Can you afford the upkeep of a beagle? This includes good quality dog food, because generic food does not have adequate nutrition for dogs and some brands can cause digestive problems?
19. Can you afford vitamins, yogurt, Nylabones (a nylon bone that does not splinter and a dog can not break off large pieces), toys, etc.?

20. Can you easily afford routine veterinary care including inoculations as recommended by your attending veterinarian? Will you give your dog this care?
21. Are you prepared for medical emergencies that can cost several hundred dollars or more?
22. If the dog has not been previously spayed or neutered, and is 6 months of age or older, do you agree to have the dog neutered within 30 days of adoption? If the dog is less than 6 months of age, do you agree to have the dog neutered with 30 days after the dog reaches 6 months of age? Proof of this spay/neuter must be sent to CBR within 5 days after the surgery. Failure to provide such proof will result in repossession of the dog by CBR.
23. Are you willing to provide proper grooming or have a grooming shop provide it on a regular basis (at least twice a month for toenail clipping, for example)?
24. Will you license your dog in accordance with local laws?
25. Will you provide proper socialization and training of the dog (preferably a basic obedience course)?
26. Will you avoid transporting your dog in the back of an open pickup truck or transporting the dog in a boat unless the dog is wearing a doggie life preserver?
27. Will you ensure that your dog will, at all times, wear a collar with current rabies tag, CBR rescue ID tag, and local license (if required)?
28. Will you notify CBR immediately if you change your dog's name, your address, your home telephone number, or your dog's CBR ID tag is lost? CBR will send you a new ID tag free of charge.
29. Will you allow a CBR volunteer to do a home check? The volunteer will make an appointment with you for the visit.
30. Will you pay an adoption donation of \$150.00? For people 60 years or older, the donation is \$60.00.
31. Will you notify CBR at least one week before your address or phone number changes? CBR tracks a CBR dog for the life of the dog.
32. In the future, if you must relinquish your dog, will you return the dog to CBR?
33. Will you notify CBR immediately if the dog becomes lost or stolen?
34. Will you pursue recovery of the dog if the dog becomes lost or stolen?
35. At your expense, will you retrieve the dog immediately from any public or private shelter when notified that the dog is being held at such location?
36. If you do not retrieve the dog from the shelter within 24 hours of notification, do you authorize CBR to retrieve the dog from the shelter and will you reimburse CBR for any fees that CBR incurs?
37. Will you notify CBR immediately upon the death of the dog whether you have your dog euthanized or the dog dies from any other cause?
38. Will you allow a CBR representative to periodically, upon reasonable notice, to see the dog, the residence, and the living conditions provided for the dog?
39. Will you surrender the dog to a CBR representative if for any reason CBR considers the conditions provided by you as unsuitable for the dog or constitutes abuse or neglect?
40. If you do not live in the vicinity where the dog currently is, will you go to that area to pick up your dog? CBR does not ship dogs.

Questions? Call CBR at 303-795-8331.