



## ***Adoption Procedures***

1. The person wishing to adopt a dog must fill out an adoption application. We do not do third party adoptions.
2. Once the adoption application is completed, the potential adopter will be interviewed by a Take Paws Rescue representative. This is an important step because the representative has knowledge of the dog's disposition and needs. The representative will match the dog with the right loving human companion. Take Paws has made financial and emotional investments in the rescued dog. **PLEASE DO NOT CONSIDER THIS A PERSONAL EVALUATION.** It is a needs assessment of the dog, **not you**. Our goal is to find the best match for a healthy and happy long-term relationship.  
For example: some dogs are good with other pets, others are not; some are good with children, some are not; many dogs must remain inside; some dogs dig under fences and others climb fences; some dogs have separation anxiety and will destroy your home when left alone.
3. If the potential adopter is considered a good match, a yard/home check will be conducted prior to signing the adoption contract. **You must have a secure, fenced in yard at the time of adoption.**
4. Only a spay/neutered dog will be released to the adopter (with the exception of puppies). If an dog has not been spay/neutered, then the adopter will be able to pick up their dog from a veterinarian's clinic once this procedure has been done. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
5. When the contract has been signed and the adoption fee has been paid (which covers vet check, vaccinations, spay/neuter, and heartworm test) the dog and his/her medical records will be released to the adopter.
6. The adopter will give visitation rights to Take Paws Rescue to ensure that the terms of the adoption agreement are being observed.
7. **DOG TRAINING:** If you adopt a dog, we strongly recommend that you attend obedience training to learn how to manage your pet's behavior. Our years of experience have proven dogs want to please you. Training will provide you the skills needed to understand your dog, which will ensure years of enjoyment.