OPH ADOPTION INFORMATION

Resources

Please be sure to visit our website, www.ophrescue.org for information about pet ownership. Additionally, we have included information about nutrition, training, behavioral issues, and adjustment into your home in this adoption folder. We have compiled this information to help you and your new dog with acclimating to a long life together!

Pet's Health

Operation Paws for Homes, Inc. and our shelter and rescue partners do not knowingly transport or adopt out a dog that is sick, injured or aggressive. There are several ailments, illnesses, and viruses that can take hours, days, and even weeks to display symptoms. A few of these ailments include parvo, kennel cough, intestinal parasites, worms and mange. Many times, the stress of transport, a new schedule and/or a new environment can cause the undetected health issues to begin to show symptoms. OPH is committed to providing the best care we can for all of the dogs we rescue. Basic vaccines and deworming are provided prior to transport (unless health or age prohibit such actions) and we provide additional deworming, vaccinations, parasite treatment and probiotics for every dog that arrives in our care. If a serious health issues arises, we ask that you contact us so we can provide guidance and support and can contact the shelter or location where the dog came from. We also encourage you to read the "Guide to New Arrivals" that we provide as well as read up on common ailments.

Return Policy

You are required to contact OPH if you are unable or unwilling to keep the dog you adopted. You have signed a legally binding contract that requires you to contact us prior to rehoming the dog on your own or turning the dog into a shelter. Failure to comply will result in legal action and/or we will levy a fine. We take this seriously as we work hard to save each dog and promise them the best life.

Adoption Costs

The adoption fees associated with adopting one of our dogs allow us to rescue and save many more dogs in need. OPH pays a fee for every single dog we bring into our rescue. These fees include, but are not limited to, vaccinations, deworming, parasite treatment, spay/neuter, surgery and basic care for each dog. The adoption fee is important as we must provide the best care possible to each dog and we want to support the shelters and organizations we work with in the rural areas. These fees also help us to pay for quarantine, boarding, transportation and urgent care for dogs when necessary. Please understand that all of the money spent by you in the form of the adoption fee is used to save more dogs and to provide the care and treatment of each dog we bring into the rescue.

Spay/Neuter Policy

If you have adopted a dog from OPH that is not spayed/neutered, you have signed a <u>legally binding</u> agreement that requires you to have your dog spayed/neutered. We have provided you with a list of clinics that offer low cost spay/neuter options. We also will provide a spay/neuter reimbursement to encourage you to complete the surgery and to inform us that the surgery has been completed. We do take this very seriously, so please comply with this requirement.