



Adoption Quick Start

- Applicant will submit an Adopter Info Form, and it is reviewed by the AC.
- References will be checked and a home visit conducted.
- Meet and greets between dog and applicants are usually held at the foster provider's home. If that is not possible, then it should be a place that is secure.
- All human and animal residents of the home must be present.
- If there are any concerns during the meet and greet, contact the AC. If the AC cannot be reached, then contact a Board Member.
- The online **Adoption Agreement** may be completed prior to the meet and greet. If not, then it must be completed prior to the dog leaving the foster provider's care.
- The foster provider must collect the adoption fee.
- No paperwork should accompany the dog. Inform the adopter that it will be mailed to the adopter.
- Reiterate that MARS will always take back a dog, and that a dog cannot be given to anyone not named in the contract.
- Remind the adopter to gradually introduce the dog to new people and experiences over the next month.
- Inform the adopter that any problems or concerns should be addressed to the AC. If the adopter contacts the foster provider, please redirect the adopter to the AC.