



LOOKING FOR A CANINE COMPANION?

12 GOOD REASONS FOR CHOOSING A DOG FROM

WAGGY TAILS RESCUE

1. We always have a wide range of dogs looking for homes. Large and small, young and mature, named breeds and crossbreeds, there is a dog for everyone who has a good home to offer.
2. There is no upper age limit for applicants as there is with other charities/rescues.
3. All the dogs in our care are assessed, enabling us to find the most suitable home in each case.
4. Dogs are thoroughly checked over by the vet, so that any health problems are discovered before the dog is adopted.
5. All Waggy Tails Rescue dogs are micro chipped. (Engraved discs also available for £5.00.)
6. Dogs are bathed and groomed before being rehomed.
7. There is no charge for the dog. However we do ask for a contribution of £180 towards veterinary fees and there may be a charge for neutering.
8. Our dogs come with free insurance from Pet Plan for 4 weeks, which covers the new owner for veterinary treatment, accidents and public liability.
9. We operate a permanent foster scheme for our older dogs, which means that help with veterinary fees is available.
10. A full back up and advice service is available.
11. Follow-up visits are made after a few weeks to help with any problems. In addition, our voluntary staff are pleased to help at any time.
12. If, at any time in the future, disaster strikes and the new owner cannot keep the dog, Waggy Tails Rescue will take it back into care and find a similarly suitable home for it. We do not put healthy dogs to sleep.

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STEP BY STEP: HOW YOUR APPLICATION IS PROCESSED

(YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE INDUCTION MEETING AT ANY TIME BEFORE STEP 6)

- STEP 1: Submit your application form together with a reference completed by your vet
- STEP 2: You need to attend the next induction meeting (First Saturday of the month, 10am –12 noon)
- STEP 3: Phone call from a home check supervisor if there are any queries
- STEP 4: Home Visit by Waggy Tails Rescue volunteer – note all the family need to be available and present for this visit
- STEP 5: WTR Home Visitor completes the report
- STEP 6: If approved – contact from Homing Officer to set up a meeting.
- STEP 7: If home suitable for one of the dogs in our care, visit arranged to the foster home
- STEP 8: Day visit to be arranged for dogs to applicant's home.
- STEP 9: Discuss with the Homing Officer suitability of the dog: its needs and any difficulties.
- STEP 10: Arrange to do contracts and collect the dog.
- STEP 11: If dog not available then Homing Officer will send details of dogs when they come into our care and have been assessed. Approved applicant can also come to Open Days to see the dogs.

Welcome to Waggy Tails Rescue

WE ARE DELIGHTED that you are willing to give a dog a home. If you have not had a dog before please read these notes and give serious thought to the following points. If you have had a dog before it might be helpful for you to know a little about us and how we operate. Please note that we do not home dogs in families with small children, nor with people under 25.

An application form is enclosed for you to complete and return together with the veterinary form which must be FILLED IN AND COMPLETED by your vet. Please do not fill it in yourself. One of our volunteers will call to meet you and the family, to do a "home visit" and find out about your lifestyle so we can look for the right sort of dog to fit in with you. Almost all of the dogs we home settle well into their new family - that is because we are able to assess the dogs in our care and choose their new home with the dog's personality, likes, needs, etc. very much in mind. We therefore need to know a little bit more about you, your family and your lifestyle than other organisations might, so that we can make a successful match.

A dog is a wonderful friend and companion; BUT - you will have to make some adjustments to your life and the family's, to accommodate it, make it comfortable and look after it properly.

1) Dogs should not be left alone for long periods - we do not home dogs where everyone goes out to work. Rescue dogs should not be left in the first few weeks/months.

2) A dog should never be left in a car - even light sunshine can heat a car very quickly. A dog should not be confined to the rear of a hatchback for this reason.

3) A dog likes a routine - it will help him settle to know that meals, walks and bed all come at the same time. Dogs have their own clocks that are much more reliable than ours! Rain, shine or snow, even a small dog needs to be walked daily - preferably twice: morning and evening. On a cold and wet winter morning are you going to feel like walking the dog? To be exercised properly a dog needs to be off the lead (in the right place of course) so that it can have a good run. A dog must be well trained in recall. Why should he come back to you just because you shout? Do not rush this though; if he was a stray he may have got lost in exactly these circumstances.

4) You are unlikely to get a dog that is already trained. A dog that does not do what he is told and is unruly when being exercised, is a menace and makes life very difficult for his owner.

Dog training classes are tremendous fun, both for owners and dogs, and they will enable you to get to know your dog much more quickly. Great satisfaction is achieved from having an obedient dog that works with you, and the trick is to train the owners properly too! We can give advice on trainers in your area and it is a condition that owners train their dogs correctly; this is one reason why we carry out follow-up visits. It is NOT acceptable to smack a dog and if this is your idea of training you can put this Application Pack in the bin now.

5) If you have not had a dog before, please consider the expenses you will have to incur, very carefully. The cheapest food will not be the best for them. All dogs should have their own bed (or armchair), toys, collars, leads, etc. And then there are the vet bills. Injections and worming every year are about £50 and each visit to the vet is a minimum of £25-£30. You must be able to afford the eventuality of vet's bills if you take a dog from us. Dogs that are not neutered/spayed must have the operation within a certain period of time, at our vets, and the cost of neutering is payable on adoption. We have special rates with our vets. Long haired and 'scruffy' dogs will need regular grooming - about £35. Finally, insurance is highly recommended for the emergency sickness at a weekend, or the accident that you never think will happen to you. Vets' fees outside normal working hours are extremely high and if your dog is ill or injured you must get veterinary attention for him immediately; it's no good waiting until Monday. If you adopt a dog from Waggy Tails Rescue you automatically get free insurance for 4 weeks and we recommend that you renew this before it expires.

6) Before your dog arrives, decide where he is going to sleep and settle him there as quickly as possible. A dog that has been rescued and re-homed will take a little while to adjust to new surroundings and learn to accept his new life and new family. Once in bed he should be left alone; this should **always be** the rule especially if there are children around. His bed should be a quiet peaceful zone.

7) Your new pet will need regular brushing, teeth cleaning, treatment for fleas and checking ears for mites and the rest of him for ticks. Are you happy to do all this? It is a good idea to get a 'first aid for dogs' book to keep handy.

8) For all the happiness a dog will bring into your life, it will be a tie. What arrangements will you make when you want to go out for the evening, away for the day, off for the weekend, or on holiday? Boarding kennels need to be checked out thoroughly.

9) Dogs are personalities just like us. Just like us they will have good and bad traits and you may have some problems with a rescued dog. Each case requires patience and calm, gentle handling for as long as it takes to settle the dog and gain his trust. Your dog will not come with a "Good Behaviour" certificate or an "I will sleep all night" promise and the first few days/weeks will need you to be around him all the time to reassure him. You must be patient, gentle and loving and never ever shout if you are to make him into a friend.

Please let us know if you get a dog from someone else and no longer need our help. **Please do not buy a puppy.**

Adopting a dog from us involves signing a legal contract. If, in the future, you are no longer able to keep the dog, you must advise us immediately. It may not be passed on to someone else without our knowledge and consent, and the new owner will in turn be checked first and required to sign a contract. We will visit you again after your dog arrives to see that you are settled and getting on well together and we are always available for a chat if you need help or advice. Most adopters come back and see us regularly which **is very, very nice.**

We ask for a contribution towards veterinary treatment of £180. This is a minimum as the average cost to us is about £1000 for each dog and if you are able to donate more this would be most welcome.

If dogs have not been neutered **the full cost of neutering is payable on adoption.** Please ask Shelagh if you need clarification of our terms. If you take an elderly dog in on a permanent foster basis we may be able to help with the cost of veterinary treatment.

You may like to come to one of our Open Days for a chat and hand your form in then. Details are on the back of the dog-list page. We also hold an Induction Meeting following this, which all applicants are asked to attend before adoption.

We hope that having read these notes you still feel able to offer a dog a good home and look forward to meeting you.

About Waggy Tails Rescue

Waggy Tails works within East Dorset and West Hampshire (BH and SO40 to 45 postcodes), with a network of volunteers who provide short term foster care in their own homes. This enables us to assess dogs in a way that simply would not be possible in a kennel environment. As we do not always know the dog's background we have a policy of not homing with families who have small children.

The Waggy Tails story is about happy dogs, happy people and happy homes. We always put the animal first – then the rest will follow.

We work with other rescue organisations throughout the country and with a small sanctuary in Wales where the possibility of a good home is unlikely.

We have a no destruction policy. No healthy animal is ever put to sleep, which means that as well as re-homing we also look after dogs in long term foster homes. These tend to be dogs who are too ill or too old to be re-homed but we feel that these "oldies" have a right to a dignified and happy retirement. We need foster homes and sponsorship for our "oldies" whose vet bills are consistently high!

Waggy Tails also runs an advice service which deals with pet problems and, if we cannot help ourselves, we will redirect enquiries.

Waggy Tails is almost entirely run by volunteers. Most of the money donated to us goes directly on the animals – our vets' bills are often in excess of £5,000 a month.

DOG PRESENTATION

This is held on the first Saturday of each month at West Parley Memorial Hall **at 10am sharp**. Please arrive before this time as late-comers disrupt the meeting.

There will be a presentation of the Dogs in our care followed by the **INDUCTION MEETING** at 11am.

This meeting is for **ALL PROSPECTIVE ADOPTERS**, fosterers and volunteers. Even if you are experienced dog owners, rescue dogs offer new challenges. There will be a short talk and then the opportunity to ask questions.

Attendance is required before adoption takes place so please take the time to stay.

HOW YOUR GIFT COULD HELP

These are some of the ways we might use your gift:

£75 will pay for initial treatment when a dog arrives – vaccination, micro-chipping, worming and flea treatments.

£100 will pay for a dog to be neutered and our aftercare.

£120 is needed to pay for medicines necessary because of long-term neglect

Some of your gift could go towards the £5,000 each month spent on essential vet bills – necessary because of neglect and abuse.

Some could help to sponsor one of our more senior or poorly dogs in long-term foster homes.

Be assured that every amount you give us will be spent wisely and well on behalf of the dogs.

Thank you from all the dogs at Waggy Tails

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APPLICATION FORM TO HOME A DOG

Before completing this form **PLEASE** read **ALL** documents thoroughly and keep for your future reference.
PLEASE WRITE IN BLACK INK

Name(s)..... Age (s)

Address

.....Post Code

**WEB
VERSION**

Email (PLEASE write clearly)

Telephone number **Please give land line if possible.** It is very expensive for us to phone a mobile - we are only a small Charity.

Length of time at this address if less than a year, please give previous address:

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Forename and Surname of each adult in the home (if not given above)

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First names and ages of any children – (please note we do not re home a dog where there are children under 6 years old).....

Do children/ grandchildren visit? Yes/No What ages are they?.....

How often do they visit?..... Stay for?.....

NB – At the home check, every person who lives in the Applicant’s home, MUST be present.

Who will do the walking – morning AND night

Height of lowest fence in back garden

Is the rear garden separate from the front? yes/no.....

Is the rear garden securely fenced yes/no

Are there any gaps in the fences in the rear garden yes/no

Note that the acceptable minimum height is 4ft, but in certain circumstances other heights may be acceptable. For example, where the dog is elderly or not able/inclined to jump

Is your home a: house..... Bungalow Flat.....which floor is there a garden? Other

Is it? Owned Privately rented Council Housing Ass Parents

If rented - do you have permission from the landlord to keep a dog?

Do you go out to work? Yes / no

If yes, how many hours a day do you work and how many days a week? Please include your travelling time to and from work

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How many hours would a dog be left alone a day (include work, shopping, leisure activities, etc)

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Do you attend a Day Centre no/yes if yes – how many hours and days a week?

Applicant's Name.....

Have you any cats, dogs or other animals?

If so, give specific details, ie, ages and sex of dogs.....

Are they neutered?

What size dog are you looking for? **Sex** **Age**

Are you ONLY interested in a particular breed of dog – if so, which one.....

Previous dogs – type and brief history

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Date last dog died, or if you still have a dog how old it is?

Are you planning any of the following?

baby A holiday moving home change of work hours starting work

Have you any other comments?

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I have read all the Application Pack documents.

Signed **Date**

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Please return the three pages of the Application Pack together with the **Vet's form** (unless the Vet is faxing it to Waggy Tails direct) as soon as possible to:-

Waggy Tails Rescue,
Helen's House, 143 Magna Road, Canford Magna, Wimborne, BH21 3AW

Please note – we do not DELIVER dogs and Applicants must be prepared to travel to meet our animals and talk to Foster Parents

On receipt of your completed Application Form, you will be contacted if there are any queries, otherwise, a home visitor will phone you as soon as s/he is able to arrange a visit to you.

For office use only
D/F check on by

sent to Pat on by

Originals to Shelagh

Source: Office / shop / OD / other

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Applicant's Name

Some pointers to help us in the re-homing process. Please bear in mind, none of these options can be guaranteed – we are dealing with “rescue” dogs whose history we rarely know.

PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE

I need a dog that has already been trained - - - yes/no

I am a first time dog owner - - - - yes/no

I am an experienced owner and could train a difficult dog yes/no

I would only like a dog that is already house trained - yes/no

If you have previously owned a WTR dog please give approx. date of adoption.....

I have a very busy household where there is lots of activity yes/no

I would be prepared to take a dog to training classes - yes/no

I need a dog to be child friendly - - - yes/no

I need a dog that travels well in the car - - - yes/no

If you have a cat, could it cope with a dog? - - - yes/no/don't know

If you have an older dog, would it cope with another dog? - yes/no

Could you cope with a dog that pulls - - - yes/no

Could you cope with a dog that is unfriendly towards other dogs when out? yes/no

Could you take on a dog with medical problems? - - yes/no

Have you attended the Waggy Tails Induction Meeting? yes/no

If NO are you planning to attend the next Meeting? yes/no

Why do you want a dog

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How long have you been planning to get one?

Would you able to care for your new dog for the rest of its life (average age for a dog is 15+) Yes/no

If approved for a dog, when would you be free to take one?.....

Please note – our rescue dogs must NOT be “passed on” to families/friends/sold, etc should anything happen to you. In all circumstances they MUST be returned to us. Should a family member wish to adopt them, we would make the necessary arrangements with them.

Thank you for your co-operation in completing this form.
Please return it with your Application Form / Vets form

IF YOU CURRENTLY OWN A PET OR HAVE OWNED ONE IN THE PAST, PLEASE ASK YOUR VET TO COMPLETE THIS FORM. IT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION FORM OR BE FAXED BY YOUR VET DIRECTLY TO 01202 875000. Thank you.

If you have changed vets during the past five years, we would also need a reference from them.

Please do NOT fill this form in yourself.

To:- WAGGY TAILS RESCUE

From :-(Veterinary Surgeon's name and address and Practice Stamp)

Re:- (Client's name and address)
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How long have they been a client

Name of animal - past or present

Breed..... **Sex**..... **Age**.....

Annual health checks carried out Yes/No

Annual vaccinations given Yes/No

Animal (s) neutered Yes/No

Has the client regularly purchased flea and worming treatment from you?

Condition of animal when last seen by you Good/Not good

Reason

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If PTS please give date

Any other comments

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Signature of Veterinary Surgeon..... **date**