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## CBR Adoption Process

### 1. Requirements

- A. Must have a telephone interview with a CBR volunteer.
- B. Must have a fenced in back yard. Fence height must be four feet or more, a six foot fence is preferable.
- C. Someone home during the day or part time.
- D. A doggie door would be nice.
- E. In order to match the dog with your family, we need to know your preference for gender, age, size, color. How many children do you have and what are their ages? Do you have any other pets, and do they get along with dogs?
- F. Are you willing to wait for the right dog?
- G. CBR requests a \$150.00 adoption donation, \$60.00 for people 60 years young or older.

### 2. Application

- A. If you have Internet access, you can go to our Web site at [www.ColoradoBeagleRescue.org](http://www.ColoradoBeagleRescue.org) and click on the Articles & Forms page. Print out the Adoption Application and Agreement. Mail the completed form to Colorado Beagle Rescue, Inc. PO Box 2704 Littleton CO 80161-2704.
- B. If you do not have Internet access, a form will be mailed to you. Complete it and forward it to the address above.

### 3. Home Check

- A. Basically we check the back yard and the fence to make sure it is secure and beagle proof. Inside the home we check for poisonous plants, where the trash is kept, where the dog will sleep at night, where the dog is kept during the day, etc. For more information about the home check requirements, check the web site's Articles & Forms page.
- B. If a problem is found, it has to be corrected before you obtain a CBR beagle.

### 4. The Match

Once the home check is completed and everything is shown to be secured, you'll be contacted to let you know if a match has been found for your family.

### 5. Meeting The Beagle

- A. You will be given the name and phone number of the home where the beagle is located (own home, foster home, or shelter). If it's at a shelter, you'll work with the shelter and not CBR, this is called a referral. Otherwise you'll call the home and make an appointment to meet the dog.

- B. If you already have a dog, bring it to meet the new beagle, and to see how the two dogs get along. Leave your dog in the car. After you have met the beagle and you think this is the dog for you, get your dog from the car and bring it to the front yard to meet the beagle, and see how they get along
- C. It is a good idea to have the dogs meet, while on a leash outside in a neutral area away from the new dog's territory.
- D. Then take both dog's into the back yard, and let them socialize off leash
- E. If you think this is the dog for your family, then you can take him/her home right away.
- F. The dog's family should give you information regarding the dog's behavior, temperament, schedule, commands. They should also give you the dog's possessions like a crate, bedding, blanket, toys, leash, collar, dishes, food, etc.

6. **You Now Have A New Dog**

- A. On your return home, go through the same meeting process as before. Again, have the two dogs meet in a neutral area, across the street, at the corner, or at a nearby park. Once they socialize again, everyone walks home together. This is your dog's idea of bringing a new friend into his/her territory. Take both dogs into the back yard and let them play off leash.
- B. Afterwards, bring the new dog into the house on a leash, and show the dog where his/her bed, crate, food, dishes, toys will be located.

7. **The Trial Period**

- A. You are given one to two weeks to decide whether to adopt the dog or not. If not, we ask you to keep the dog until a foster home is available. During this time if you have any questions or problems, call CBR right away.
- B. Once the previous family has given up the dog, they are not to have any future physical contact with the dog. Only if you wish, you can call, send an email, or pictures of the dog. They are not allowed to come and visit the dog. He/she has to bond to your family now.

8. **The Adoption**

- A. Once you let CBR know that you want to adopt the beagle, contact CBR. They will send you the rescue packet containing the adoption agreement, the medical records, etc.
- B. A rescue tag will be sent to you with the dog's name, rescue number, your home phone, and CBR's rescue phone number. Upon receipt attach this tag to your dog's collar.
- C. If you decide to change your dog's name prior to adoption, let CBR know.
- D. During the dog's lifetime, if the tag is lost or worn, CBR will replace it at no charge.
- E. Remember, the dog is not technically yours until you have sent in the adoption papers and donation.

9. **The Follow Up**

- A. CBR will call you after a few days and ask you how the dog is doing. If you have any problems or questions, call CBR right away.

- B. Please give the dog a chance to adapt to his new environment. Don't have too many visitors all at once, because this confuses the dog and may stress him.

10. **After Adoption**

- A. If within two weeks of adoption you find the dog is not working out, then CBR will refund your donation and take the dog back. You will be asked to keep the dog until a suitable home is found.
- B. If after two weeks your family's circumstances change (divorce, move out of the country, move to a non pet friendly location), the dog must be returned to CBR. Please give CBR as much advance notice as possible, so a foster home can be found for your dog.
- C. You'll be asked to fill out the Relinquishment Application and Release. These can be found on the CBR Web site under the Articles and Forms page. Send all his current medical records and any other pertinent information on the beagle. This includes three current photos of the dog or (digital photos sent to CBR@coloradobeaglerescue.org), a short biography on his temperament and behavior, and a \$50.00 placement donation.
- D. Once the photos are posted on the CBR web site, you'll be notified of anyone interested in your dog. The process in step 5 will be reversed, and the interested family will come to your home to meet the dog.

11. **Call CBR If:**

- A. Anything happens to the dog (got lost or stolen, died).
- B. You have questions regarding the dog's behavior.
- C. You have moved.
- D. You have changed phone numbers (home, cell, pagers, work numbers), email address, alternate contacts.
- E. If your dog needs a new CBR tag.

12. **Volunteers Needed**

CBR is in need of volunteers. Check the Volunteer Info and Application on the Articles & Forms page.

13. **Last But Not Least**

CBR has an annual beagle picnic for all of the CBR families, their beagles, and volunteers. A picnic invitation will be sent to you.