

HOLISTIC HOUNDS

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Your commitment

Please think very carefully before you book or adopt an animal. This is not a decision to be taken lightly, and it is essential that you have considered all aspects of how dog ownership will affect you before you offer a home. Our rescue and rehabilitation team are dedicated to giving all dogs in our care the opportunity to put their best paw forward. We commit a huge amount of time, attention and resources to each dog and we expect adopters to match this commitment and carry on with training.

All dogs need exercise for mental and physical stimulation. It is important to understand what is an appropriate duration and intensity for each individual dog depending on their age, breed and energy levels. Each dog's advert will have an indicator as to how much exercise is expected for the benefit of the dog.

Taking on a dog or puppy is a huge financial commitment. When you take on one of our dogs, you are taking on the responsibility for the rest of his or her lifetime. It is therefore of utmost importance to consider the following financial elements of dog ownership:

- Food (Including any supplements and long term medications)
- Routine medical care (eg. de-worming, flea treatments, nail care, titre testing, spaying)
- Toys/ equipment (eg. lead, collar, harness, car restraint, bowls, beds)
- Emergency medical care (eg. out of hours visits, minor and major injuries)
- Insurance (eg. lifetime cover, dental, loss of pet)
- Training (eg. 121 sessions, group sessions, events)
- Complementary therapy (eg. massage, chiropractic, physiotherapy, hydrotherapy)
- Care when away (eg. boarding, day care, walking)

Medications and supplements may need to be carried on by new owners in order to treat an ongoing condition, allergies or sensitivity. In any of these instances, the details and implications will be discussed further by our team.

The majority of our dogs are raw fed as we believe this is most natural and has infinite health benefits. Whilst we understand this may not be of preference to some, we do expect that you research this topic fully before making any changes and consider there may be behavioral and/ or health changes as a result.

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All suitable homes will be subject to a home check prior to any rescue agreement. Home check will involve one of our team coming to assess the property for suitability. There will also be an opportunity to discuss how the dog will fit in with your lifestyle as well as give guidance and support with any topics that aren't commonly known, such as; travelling with your dog in the car and the UK law.

It is in our interest to ensure all our rescue dogs are rehomed to the most suitable family or individual possible. Therefore we will always be honest in our adverts and will never not give the full picture of a dog's behaviour, training level or any other information.

As per current UK law all our dogs are microchipped.

We typically don't vaccinate our dogs yearly as there is new scientific reasoning to believe this is no longer necessary. However if you would like support in understanding this topic further or how to go about vaccinating we are happy to offer guidance.

All dogs rehomed by Holistic Hounds will be comfortable with general obedience skills (sit, down) as well as being crate trained, understand place training (sitting on bed), walk calmly on lead and done the foundations of recall

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training. All these elements will need to be continued with the new owners to ensure the dogs are safe and comfortable being handled and exposed to numerous situations.

We endeavour to be able to expose each dog to a number of known pressured and stressful situations such as; around other dogs, rabbits, children (were appropriate), grooming, nail trimming, washing as well as public situations and open land. However, it depends on each individual and the appropriateness of the situation. For this reason some dogs may not be initially suitable for some homes, but training is always ongoing and the adverts will be reflected on this. The honest representation of the level of training of the dogs advertised for rescue will be indicated on the adverts.

The finer details

There is an adoption fee of £250 upon successful application for each dog.

Within this fee you will receive:

- Lifetime support free of charge from our team
- Two free training sessions
- 25% discount on any further training required
- Welcome pack including any legal papers, our dog ownership guidebook, useful training resources and any history of the dog.

Training levels

Basic	Sit, Place, Lead manners
Novice	As above + Down, Recall, desensitisation
Intermediate	As above + desensitisation to grooming, washing, nail care
Advanced	As above + off lead with distractions

Exercise levels

Low	0-1 hours per day
Medium	1-2 hours per day
High	2-3 hours per day
High +	2-3 hours per day with added enrichment activities

Example Dog advert

- Age
- Sex
- Breed
- Exercise level
- Training level