



Adoption Facts

What does the adoption fee cover?

For most dogs, it covers vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchips as well as transportation from out of state. Rescue fees are \$250-\$600. Any amount over the adoption fee goes directly to help get other dogs out of high-kill shelters and transported to Oregon for adoption!

Are dogs adopted first-come, first-served basis?

Our priority is to place dogs based on the best possible fit.

What kind of dogs/breeds does SSDR rescue?

RESCUED IS OUR FAVORITE BREED! We save a lot of mid to large mixed breeds along with smaller ones. Typical examples are lab mixes, shepherd mixes, dobie and rottweiler mixes, bulldogs, working dog breeds (Aussie, cattle dogs, kelpie), hound mixes, Staffordshire or pit bull mixes, rat terriers, etc. We continue to learn about and encounter unusual breeds such as the Carolina, Canaan and even a very rare

Finnish spitz mix.

Southern and SE Texas is full of unusual and fascinating canine breeds. We are delighted to match a dog to your home and lifestyle and always recommend keeping an open mind once selected to become an adopter.

Do you accommodate long distance adopters?

We prefer locations within a couple hours of Portland. In case a problem arises with the adoption, it enables easier return of the dog.

Do you adopt dogs out to families with children?

We prefer homes with children 6 years of age and up, depending on the dog. On occasion, we make

Do you place dogs with apartment dwellers?

We prefer homes with fenced yards but evaluate on a case-by-case basis. Since we usually place dogs in foster homes first, we know both their energy level and suitability.

Why should I adopt instead of shop?

Millions of people in the U.S. want to add a pet to their home, but just don't know how to go about getting the right one. It is estimated that between 4-5 million dogs and cats are euthanized in the U.S. every year because of overpopulation. Adopting shelter pets is the right thing to do.

Why is my newly adopted dog "acting up"?

The most common mistake is introducing your new dog to other household animals too quickly. Keep them separate for a minimum of one week. Also, avoid taking your rescue dog out to crowded areas such as parks, training classes or anywhere else the dog might feel overwhelmed, confused or scared. It is incredibly important to allow your newly adopted pet to decompress at home for a couple weeks or until they feel safe. Adjusting to your household's routines allows them to build trust and a relationship with you, their new teacher and friend.

How should I introduce my newly adopted rescue dog to my home?

Show them where their bed, water, crate and food dish. Speak gently and offer treats galore week one. PRAISE every time they go potty outside, sit, stop jumping or follow any direction. Doggy "school" begins day one. You are their teacher, and they look to you for guidance. If you don't feel equipped to handle a certain situation with your new pal, drop us a line. We will send you an approved list of trainers who will work with the dog in your home to help you find a solution to the issue at hand! Training should never be a chore and should always be positive, short, and fun!

Can I "try out" a dog from your organization?

We determine this on a case-by-case basis, but it can be a great way to get to know your new friend one-on-one in a home environment. The adoption fee is due at pickup, and it is usually ideal to give it 2-3 weeks to really get a sense of your new friend to determine if you are meant to be together FURever.

What is a foster home and how does this help rescue dogs?

Foster homes are one of the most CRITICAL elements to our rescue. They provide shelter, food, a loving environment, and a place to decompress for dogs coming out of a noisy, smelly shelter. Dogs generally do not do well in shelters. It is not a natural environment for them to be in. Placing them in a temporary foster home allows them to understand that living among humans and/or other pets a positive thing. It also allows time to relax, take in everything, and let down their guard a bit. We could not do this rewarding work without our amazing fosters. As a small rescue, we do not occupy our own facility.

Where do my donation dollars go?

Donations go DIRECTLY to saving dogs from high kill shelters including boarding prior to transport, health certificates, vetting, food, medications, crates, blankets, and toys to play with! We are a 501(c)3 non-profit so all your donations are tax deductible. You can feel confident that your dollars are going directly to help animals in need.

Who is the typical SSDR adopter?

You! Families, couples, singles looking for a great friend to hang with or go hiking, etc., retired couples, veterans looking for a dog to help with their PTSD symptoms, seizure alert dogs, ESA dogs (emotional support animal), etc.

Keep in mind we are not a training facility. We facilitate the rescue and placement of dogs that otherwise would have been euthanized unnecessarily.

Training is up to the adopter, and we will only allow adopters who will agree to using only positive training methods and not aversive training methods such as prong collars, pinch collars, choke collars, E collars, citronella spray, water "spray" bottles, etc.

It has been scientifically proven that dogs learn best with positive training. Aversive methods may exacerbate a problem and make a dog aggressive. Positive training methods are most effective, ethical, and humane as well! Ask us for a trainer or behaviorist if you need additional help or advice.

Recommended YouTube Informational / Training Videos

[How to train your dog to leave your cat alone with Zak George.](#)

[How to get your reactive dog under control while on a walk with Zak George.](#)

[Crate training: Puppy training made easy. How to crate train your puppy.](#)

[Dog Brain Training: 5 fun ways to mentally stimulate your dog.](#)

[The best way to train come when called with DISTRACTIONS!](#)