

Determined To Rise Animal Foundation is not a “first come, first serve” adoption layout. We take great pride in matching our dogs with the best fit & will take as much time as it takes. The dogs in our rescue have been previously failed (in most cases) in life & we absolutely will NOT rush their process.

### **Here is a little about our process:**

We have adopted out close to 470 dogs to their forever home in the Chicagoland area, & even a few other states! Here’s what those adopters did, and what you can do to ensure an approved application:

#### **1. KEEP PETS UP-TO-DATE ON ALL RECOMMENDED VET CARE**

\*\*\*This is the number one reason we deny an application.\*\*\* If your dog or cat is unaltered, or behind on their annual exams, vaccinations or preventatives, get them into the vet asap. BEFORE you apply with us.

Roughly 40-50% of the applications we receive do not give monthly preventatives to their dog. Flea/tick and heartworm prevention it is critical to your pets health.. We are not willing to risk placing any of our dogs in a home where they could go unprotected.

#### **2. FILL OUT THE APPLICATION THOROUGHLY & HONESTLY**

Yes, we know the application is long. We are trying to get to know you to ensure we’re matching you with the right dog the best we can. We also want to be sure you’ve thought this through. A dog is a long-term commitment that will require a lot of vet care and possibly a lot of training throughout his/her life.

When a dog has multiple applications, the ones with all one-word answers are unlikely to be chosen.

#### **3. READ THE DOG’S BIO THAT YOU’RE APPLYING FOR**

Sometimes we have dogs who have specific needs in their adoptive homes. For example: needs to be the only dog in the home, needs a fenced yard because they won’t walk on a leash yet, can’t live with kids, etc.

#### **4. LIST MULTIPLE DOGS**

If you aren’t selected for the dog you initially applied for, that doesn’t mean your application was rejected. You can list multiple dogs on your application for greater

chances of finding a match right off the bat. Or, you can later email [dtrafadopt@gmail.com](mailto:dtrafadopt@gmail.com) if you see other dogs you're interested in.

#### **5. BE READY & BE RESPONSIVE**

After applying, an adoption coordinator MAY reach out to you as quickly as that same day (usually within 48 hours). Please respond to their phone call, text or email in a timely manner. Your adoption coordinator will walk you through our process which includes reference checks, a virtual/video home tour, and may include a meet and greet if the dog is local. Be prepared to take your new dog home within the week if you are approved. We cannot hold dogs.

**6. ALL OUR ANIMALS WILL BE SPAYED & NEUTERED REGARDLESS OF AGE PRIOR TO ADOPTION.** No, you can't set this up with your vet. NO, we won't make an exception & risk our license with the USDA. NO, we do not care that your neighbors, friends, vet thinks they're too young. We follow the rules, the laws, & the ASPCA guidelines. Arguing this with us will get you no where & we will likely place the dog elsewhere.

If you have questions about our processes, what else you can expect, you can always email [dtrafadopt@gmail.com](mailto:dtrafadopt@gmail.com)