

Adopting A Dog

Why Adopt A Dog ?

Cost

It is much cheaper to adopt a dog than to buy one. Versus paying anything from \$500 to \$2000 from the pet shops or breeders, adopting a dog from ASD only entails a token adoption fee and provides many more benefits. Please refer to the ASD Adoption Package [here](#).

Telling the truth

We are non profit and our priority is the welfare and future of the dogs under our care, it is never about making the sale or about money. As such we are upfront about the character traits and health status of the dog, both good and bad. It is no point masking or hiding certain facts about the dog to accelerate the adoption process only for the new owners to find out about it later, and if they are not prepared for those traits, the dog's life or future may be in jepordy.

A Lifetime Of Support

Unlike pet shops and breeders, we 'don't wash our hands clean once the deal is done'. ASD believes in keeping in contact with their adoptors even past the adoption stage and helping with any problems that may come at various stages. However it should be emphasized that this does not provide an avenue for people to 'try out' the dog first. Adopting a dog is a lifetime commitment and should be treated seriously. Ultimately, the adoptor needs to have the mindset to work out whatever problems they may face, should there be any. Please refer to the ASD Adoption Package [below](#).

Low Maintenance

Most of our dogs for adoption are cross breed dogs. They are hardy and low maintenace dogs who have been acclimatized to our high humidity and hot environment. They seldom have skin problems or any other genetic defects which are common with pedigree breeds.

Greater Loyalty

All our dogs are rescued dogs who were either strays or have been abandoned. As a result of their hardship and suffering, most of them are deeply loyal and affectionate because they appreciate the second chance that they are given.

The Adoption Procedure

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- From our website www.asdsingapore.com, browse the 'Dogs For Adoption' section where pics of the dogs are posted together with their bio, and note down a few of the dogs you may be interested in.
- Contact us by email or call the hotline to enquire on the availability of these dogs. An Adoption Counsellor will discuss with you about your requirements or expectations and in turn give you more information on the dog's behaviour traits and to highlight areas or aspects which may be pertinent to that dog.
- If there is some basic matching between the expectations and the dog's traits, we will send you an Adoption Application Form to fill up so that we can better understand your background, experience and lifestyle.
- A convenient time and date is then set for a non obligatory bonding session where you, the potential adoptor and at least another member of the household will be invited to visit the dog at our Centre or at the foster home. More bonding sessions can also be arranged if you require more time to assess the temperament of the dog.
- You, the potential adoptor then take some time (typically 1-3 days) to discuss with your family members and decide.
- Should you, the potential adoptor decide to adopt, you will come down to the Centre or the foster home to sign an Adoption Agreement and bring the dog back.
- The conditions of the Adoption Agreement are :
 - To allow home visits, roughly 2 weeks to 1 month after the adoption, the purpose of which is to see if any assistance can be rendered.
 - The dog also need to be licensed, vaccinated, microchipped and sterilized and ASD provides a mandatory, comprehensive, subsidized package here

Adoption Package

What are the benefits of adopting a dog from ASD ?

Low Adoption Fees

ASD provides a comprehensive Adoption Package for all dogs adopted from ASD which consists of :

- 1 vaccination
- 1 microchipping procedure*
- 1 health checkup
- 1 sterilization procedure

For more details and benefits of the above procedures, please refer to the sections below

The health/medical procedures are done at reputable private vet clinics and usually at a nearby convenient location. This package is also subsidized, costing significantly less than if a member of the public were to patronise the same clinic

The cost of the Adoption Package is as :

Male Local Cross Breed Dogs : \$200
Female Local Cross Breed Dogs : \$220

**Male Pedigree Dogs 3 years and below : \$280
Female Pedigree Dogs 3 years and below : \$300

Male Pedigree Dogs above 3 years but below 5 yrs : \$230
Female Pedigree Dogs above 3 years but below 5 yrs : \$250

Male Pedigree Dogs 5 years and above : \$200
Female Pedigree Dogs 5 years and above : \$220

* From 1st June 04 microchipping is mandatory for all ASD dogs

** The distinction in categories is to deter commercial abuse of pedigree dogs
Post Adoption Support

ASD believes in keeping in contact with our adoptors even past the adoption stage. Adoptors are welcome to call or email about any problems they face at any time or day or simply call us to chat about their new family member! ASD will provide advice, tips and resources to help adoptors cope with the problems if there are any.

Home Visits

There will be a home visit about a month after the adoption to see if we can be of any assistance. The home visit also gives our experienced personnel an idea of the environment which may be the cause of some problems.

Health Check

All dogs put up for adoption are given a thorough check up by the vet. This includes a physical check of the heart, lungs, bone structure, and they are checked for tick fever and heartworm depending on their previous environment. The full health status of the dog will be told to potential adoptors regardless of whether they are good or bad or whether they can be physically seen. This ensures that the adoptor is fully aware of the condition of the dog when they adopt it.

Subsidised vax and sterilization

Vaccination is mandatory to immunise the dog against fatal diseases, and puppies of 3 months and above need 3 shots one month apart. Thereafter, vaccination is done once a year.

Sterilization is mandatory and reduces significantly the risk of tumours and cancers from developing later in their lives. The procedure is a one time operation and relatively risk free

An unsterilized female dog has a 50% chance of having womb or breast cancer (these statistics have been scientifically proven) while an unsterilized male dog can contract testicular or prostate cancer.

The onset of these cancers or tumours usually occur when they reach middle age (5 years and above) and surgery then would have significant risk.

Microchipping

Microchipping is a painless method of implanting a small microchip in the dog's neck that will give each dog an individual identification number. This ensures that should the dog be lost and is found by the various organizations or societies, they can be scanned to locate the owner thru this ID number.

From 1st June 2004 microchipping will be included in the adoption package.

Subsidised basic obedience course

Conducted by a professional trainer at a centralized location on weekends, the course consist of 6 sessions, each 1.5

hour session held on a weekend and limited to 8-9 dogs and their handlers. That way, the trainer is able to focus on the individual character of the dog and determine the appropriate communication techniques for a well behaved and sociable dog.

Our trainers are all highly experienced and qualified and the most important thing is they understand dogs very well.

Dogs, like us are highly complex creatures and no one technique is adequate to communicate with them

Automatic entry to a community of dog lovers

Adoptors will become part of a ever growing community of genuine dog lovers who are able to look past pedigree status or looks and instead embrace these lovely companions for who they are.