



Congratulations! You just adopted a Tara's House Dog.



Before you take your new pet home, there are a few things we would like to go over with you...

Tara's House has taken great steps to match you with the dog you are approved to adopt, and you have invested considerable time going through our application and screening process; we want nothing more than another successful Happy Tail!

The dog you are about to adopt was abandoned by their first family and turned into a shelter in West Virginia or Ohio. They were there for an undetermined amount of time. This is where Tara's House learned of your new dog and agreed to their rescue from the shelter to help them find a second chance at happiness and love. During your new dog's stay at the shelter, they may have picked up a few things and have forgotten any training they had before being dropped off at the shelter.

Our staff will go over these now and have you initial after each to indicate your understanding of the issue. These are provided to help you and your newly adopted dog adjust to each other and to foster a long, loving relationship.

**Adopter's
Initials**

Notices

Your Adopted Dog needs to be seen by your Veterinarian for a physical exam with a fecal exam within 14-days of today's date _____. Fax proof of vet exam to 866.491.7345.

Your Adopted Dog will have intestinal parasites. Even though Tara's House treats every dog for intestinal parasites, you will need to administer at least 2 – 3 more doses to clear this infection. Your Veterinarian will prescribe the appropriate medication for your dog.

Your Adopted Dog should be considered NOT house trained! You will need to take them OUTSIDE at regular, 2 – 4 hour intervals until they learn the routine you want them to follow, and you learn their signs for needing to go outside. You must be patient with them and expect accidents in your home. Re-house training can take 2 – 4 weeks or more. You should begin crate training immediately.

Your Adopted Dog may not know how to do 'normal' things you would expect of an adult dog. These things can include basic commands or going up and down stairs to being scared of cars, trains, etc. You should treat them like a puppy when introducing them to such things, and enroll your newly adopted dog in a basic obedience class as soon after adoption as possible. Fax proof of obedience training to 866.491.7345.

Your Adopted Dog will need time to acclimate and feel safe in your home with your family. With most rescued dogs, this may take up to 30 days. You and all family members will need to be patient to make the transition to your home as smooth as possible. If any behavioral problems arise, your Veterinarian or Tara's House can provide guidance for balancing procedures. Your Vet would be a great place to start.

Tara's House understands that sometimes adoptions just do not work out, or situations change. While we want every family and dog to live together forever, you are able to return your adopted dog at anytime. If this occurs within the first 7-days post adoption, you may receive a replacement certificate for a comparable pet, valid for 90 days from date of return. If a certificate is issued it may be redeemed only by you and it is not transferable. Adoption fees are not refundable under any circumstances.

* Please note the notices discussed above are explained in greater detail on our site's Adoption Center and in our Adoption Contract.