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● **PROTOCOL FOR ADOPTION**

- 1 A meeting between a Blue Cross representative, the adopter and the dog to be adopted where the dynamics between the two would be observed. At this time the questionnaire should be filled out and a discussion around the ‘Guidelines for Pet Ownership’ should be undertaken.
- 2 Follow-up visit to the home of the adopter by a Blue Cross representative.
- 3 Dog undergoes a medical examination by vet to confirm that it is medically fit for adoption. The dog must be sterilized before it is allowed to be adopted.
- 4 The person who desires to adopt a dog should come to the Blue Cross Hospital and familiarize himself/herself with the dog for a few days prior to actual date of adoption.
- 5 Adopter will fill in the Adoption Questionnaire (Annexe 6) and the Adoption Form (Form no.5) and is free to take the dog. As far as possible, a photograph of the dog and the new owner should be taken and filed in our records along with the other documents.
- 6 A follow-up visit to the home of the adopter will be made 1 week after the dog leaves the shelter. During the next three months after the date of adoption, Blue Cross Society reserves the right to inspect, without any prior notice, the manner in which the dog is being kept. In case of any violations under Prevention of Cruelty Act, Blue Cross Society reserves the right to confiscate the dog.
- 7 Since the shelter and Hospital is run entirely on donations, it is necessary to charge nominal fees for adoption of a dog, since a lot of money has been spent for its care and feeding. The charges will be as follows, and a receipt shall be given for the same :
 - a) Rs.50 as fee for Application Form
 - b) Once the application has been accepted and cleared, a processing fee of
 - i) Rs.100 for Mixed Breed Dog adopted by persons with income less than Rs.50,000 annually.
 - ii) Rs. 500 for Pedigree Dog adopted by persons with income less than Rs.50,000 annually.
 - iii) Rs.500 for Mixed Breed Dog adopted by persons with income above Rs.50,000 annually.
 - iv) Rs.1000 for Pedigree Dog adopted by persons with income above Rs.50,000 annually.

Note: The charges may be waived / reduced in deserving cases, at the discretion of the Blue Cross authorities.

ANNEXE 6
DOG ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

We are happy that you have shown an interest in adopting a dog from our shelter and would request you to take some time in reflecting on the questions that we have put down so that we can make an appropriate match between you and one of our dogs. Please provide the following information:

	Person Adopting the Animal	Additional Caretaker
Name		
Address		
Profession		
Phone No.		
Mobile No.		

- 1) Have you ever owned a pet? How many years and what was your experience?
- 2) Do you currently have pets? Please give us details on the breed, age, sex and personality of the pet/pets.
- 3) Who are the other members of your house-hold? What is their position on owning a pet?
- 4) Who will be the primary caretaker? Who will feed the dog, walk the dog, take the dog to the vet, groom the dog?
- 5) Are there any members of your household / society / others who would take objection to your having a pet?
- 6) What arrangements will you make when you will be away from home for a longer period of time?

● **GUIDELINES FOR DOG OWNERSHIP**

ADOG is “Man’s Best Friend”, but what does adopting a dog entail?

Adopting a dog is a long-term commitment. Dogs have a life-span of between 13-17 years. So, be ready to be responsible for this lovely companion for a long time.

Caring for a dog entails the following:

- 1) **FOOD**
 - ◆ Depending on the size and the breed of the dog, the quantity and quality of food will need to be given.
 - ◆ Larger breed dogs need more food and smaller dogs, less. Dogs such as the

German Shepherd, Doberman, and Great Dane need a large quantity of food.

- ◆ The Indian Dog (pariah / mixed breed) will happily share food cooked for the family they live with.

2) a) SHELTER

- ◆ All dogs require basic shelter from the hot sun and the rain. On a cold night, a warm blanket, or a gunny sack would be welcome.
- ◆ A dog should never be exposed to the sun, rain and cold for a long time.

b) EXERCISE

- ◆ Exercise is necessary for a healthy dog.
- ◆ At least 2 walks a day, are also required.
- ◆ Dogs living in a flat will need to be taken out for relieving themselves at fixed times.
- ◆ Smaller dogs need less exercise, bigger dogs more exercise.

3) COMPANIONSHIP:

- ◆ You will need to spend time playing and interacting with your dog.
- ◆ Dogs are intelligent creatures, requiring love and attention. Their basic nature is to please. They also need gentle discipline, without using violence or force.
- ◆ It is nice if the dog has another dog for company.

4) MEDICAL CARE:

- ◆ Medical care is also necessary on a regular basis, such as vaccination, deworming, nail clipping, and treatment when they fall sick.
- ◆ Some breeds have a predisposition to certain illnesses, such as the German Shepherd being prone to hip dysplasia, the cocker spaniel to ear infections, etc.
- ◆ Once again our Indian Dog, due to the diverse gene pool that it comes from, is least susceptible to genetic disorders and so needs the least amount of medical attention. It is also least prone to falling sick, has a strong digestive system and strong immunity against disease.

5) GROOMING

- ◆ All dogs require some amount of grooming.
- ◆ A bath once a month, a good brushing of its coat to remove loose hair, and a quick check for ticks and fleas will be necessary to maintain a healthy and attractive dog.
- ◆ Once again the Indian Dog, with its short coat, and high resistance to skin infections will require the least amount of grooming.

6) SETTLING DOWN

- ◆ When the dog has been newly adopted, the dog should be given time and space to get used to the new home and people.
- ◆ Give the dog a secure space and regular food.
- ◆ Start a routine of walking the dog, and show affection in a slow, gradual way.
- ◆ Keep children away from the dog, until it has fully settled and you can understand its personality.
- ◆ Puppies need more care and can be handled and cuddled more. But children should be careful not to over-stimulate the puppy.

BLUE CROSS ANIMAL HOSPITAL & SHELTER

KESHAVNAGAR, MUNDHWA, PUNE – 411 036. Tel: 020-65266492/ 91

BLUE CROSS DOG POUND

NAIDU HOSPITAL COMPLEX, PUNE 411 001. Tel.: 020- 20262589

FORM NO.5 **ANIMAL ADOPTION FORM**

DETAILS OF ANIMAL	
SEX	
AGE	
COLOUR, BREED	
NAME (if any)	
VACCINATION RECORD	
7 IN 1	
ARV	
CORONA	
GENERAL HEALTH CONDITION	
SPAYED / NEUTERED	
DETAILS OF PERSON ADOPTING	
NAME	
ADDRESS	
PROFESSION	
MONTHLY INCOME	
PHONE NO. & MOBILE NO.	
e MAIL ID	

I agree that BLUE CROSS SOCIETY has the right to inspect the manner in which I am keeping the animal over the next three months, without prior notice. If there are any violations under Prevention of Cruelty Act, 1960 (GoI), Blue Cross Society has the right to confiscate the animal.

Date: / /

Name & Signature of person adopting

Please feel free to call our volunteers / vets if you require counselling or medical advice for your adopted pet.

(Please see the attached form). (We will attach the form)
As soon as you are ready to adopt, please call Mr. Francis at +91-20- 65266491