

Adoption Application Form

Registered Charity Number CHY 16481

Please fill-out the details below and hit submit. We will be in touch shortly. The details that you provide will help us to match you with the dog best suited to your home and circumstances.

Before you complete the form...

1. You must be over 21 years of age to adopt a dog from Dogs in Distress.
2. Ultimately it will be necessary for the head of your household to sign the Dogs in Distress adoption papers and take legal responsibility for the dog. If you are not this person please discuss this requirement with the head of household before completing the adoption form.
3. Dogs in Distress require a minimum garden fence height of 5.5ft; this is to ensure that when the dogs goes into the garden he is totally safe. If you have a garden please be sure your fence meets this requirement before completing the adoption form.

As part of adoption application process a home visit from a Dogs in Distress volunteer to you home will take place. Please bear in mind that we do not make adoption decisions based on who has seen the dog first or who has completed an application the earliest. The well-being of the dog is our paramount concern and dogs will be placed with the best available home.

The minimum donation for adopting a DID dog is €150. Dogs are re-homed wormed, neutered/spayed*, microchipped and with their 1st vaccination as a minimum. This donation does not cover the total cost of the veterinary treatment. Most receive much more medical care to bring them back to health. None of this donation goes toward administration costs. All of our volunteers pay for their own phone bills, petrol and other expenses. Please take this into consideration when making a donation to us.

*Pups less than 6 month old can't be neutered/spayed. Those who adopt a pup of under 6 months must commit to having the pup neutered/spayed at 6 months by the Dogs in Distress vet (location permitting). Just a €50 donation is requested to part fund this once the dog is old enough to be neutered/spayed.

Adoption Form

Please fill out this form and we will get in touch with you shortly.

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Address line 1:

Address line 2:

Town:

County:

Landline:

Mobile:

Are you over 21 years of age? Yes No

Your Home

Are you the lead of the household in which you live? Yes No

If No, is the head of household happy to sign adoption papers and take legal responsibility for the dog?

Yes No

Dog's details

In this section you may specify a dog/s that you would like to adopt – if you wish. Available dogs are listed as available for adoption on our forum. Please note that it will take time to process your adoption application. During this time the dog that you have specified may be homed to another adopter who is further along the adoption process. We have limited foster space so we are unable to hold dogs for longer than it is needed for them to find a suitable home. Dogs in Distress can offer advice on the breed of dog suitable to your home. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have to help you choose the right dog for your family.

Please name the dog or dogs that you are interested in adopting:

Why do you think this dog/s would suit your home?

Have you researched this breed of dog?

Generally speaking...

Are you looking for a male or female dog? or either? Male Female Don't Mind

Re the question above, is there a particular reason for your answer?

What age dog would you prefer and why?

Are you looking for a small, medium or large dog (or no preference)?

Why do you want to rescue a dog?

Dogs in Fostercare

Because we use foster care rather than a kennel-based rescue service our fosterers get to know our dogs incredibly well while they are in foster care. Our fosterers teach basic obedience while the dog is with them. However our dogs have varying degrees of obedience, depending upon their circumstances before they came into our care. We will provide you with as much detail as possible before you decide on your rescue dog. However it may take at least three weeks for a dog to settle into a new home so please be patient.

Would you like a dog who is...

Good with children: Yes No Don't mind

Good with other dogs: Yes No Don't mind

Good with cats: Yes No Don't mind

Good with livestock: Yes No Don't mind

Good in the car: Yes No Don't mind

House trained : Yes No Don't mind

*No pups under 12 weeks of age will be fully house trained

Your home description

Do you live in a house, apartment, other?

Where do you intend to keep the dog while you're not at home?

Where will your dog sleep during the day?

Where will your dog sleep at night?

If you are adopting a pup, where will the dog sleep as an adult?

Do you have a garden or yard?

If so, what size is this garden/yard (small, medium, large)?

Is your garden secure and fully enclosed?

Do you own or rent your home?

If rented, is your home a council home or privately rented?

Your family

How many people live in your home?

Have they all agreed on getting a rescue dog/pup?

Have you got children? If so, please list their ages:

Are these children used to dogs?

If yes, Has your child/children ever lived with a dog?

Is there anyone in the family that suffers from allergies or asthma?

Is there anyone in the family who are scared or nervous of dogs?

Is there anyone in your home who has any special requirements?

Your routine

Are any adult members of the family in full or part-time employment?

If so, at what time do they leave and return from work?

Are there any family members in the home full time?

On a typical day, at any one time, how long would the dog be left alone?

Over the course of an entire day, how many hours in total would a dog be left alone?

Have you got holidays booked over the next 6 months?

Exercise and behaviour

Are you looking for a dog with low, medium or high energy levels?

How much exercise will your dog get on a daily basis?

What type of exercise would you like to give your dog?

Where do you intend to walk your dog?

Do you intend to bring your dog to training classes?

Other pets in your home

Do you have another dog/s?

If yes, what age is your dog?

If yes, is your dog male or female?

If yes, what is the breed of your dog?

If yes, is your dog vaccinated?

If yes, is your dog micro-chipped?

If yes, is your dog spayed/neutered?

If yes, what do you feed your dog?

If yes, is your dog used to other dogs?

Do you own other pets? Please list:

Have you applied to adopt a dog from other Dog Rescues? Please provide details.

Please enter any other relevant information that could affect your adopting a dog from DID.

Please note that all Dogs in Distress dogs must return to our care should your circumstances change and you need to re-home you adopted pet.