## THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN TAKING ON A DOG



Do you and your family have the time to ensure the dog gets regular exercise. Different dogs need different amounts of exercise and mental stimulation, however it is important any dog gets out for at least 1/2 hour walks twice a day, rain or shine.

Also consider many rescue dogs will need training, some we will recommend attending training classes to help with certain behaviors. Consider some dogs will also need house training, all of which takes time and patience.

What type of dog?

Think about the type of dog that would suit your home. Consider the breed, age and size. We highly recommend you research the breed you are interested in. Try to keep an open mind when thinking about this.

Can you afford a dog?

Take in to consideration food, toys, equipment and vet bills. Will you take out insurance which will be an additional monthly cost. We recommend insuring any pet and we will offer you 4 weeks' free Pet Plan insurance when you rehome from us

How is your garden?

Is you garden safe and secure? Are you proud of your garden and don't want it dug up or being used as a toilet? Your garden will need to be secure with sufficient height fencing for the type of dog you wish to adopt and no gaps that they can wriggle through.

Do you have children?

If you do have children it is important that the children know how to behave around a dog and understand they will need time and space to settle. We assess the temperament of all our dogs and sometimes we feel homes with children would not be best for certain dogs.

Where will the dog sleep?

Consider where in your home the dog will sleep and spend time when left alone. Is there a safe comfortable area where their bed will go

What are your futures plans

Are you planning a holiday or moving? Thinking of starting a family? Consider is it the right time to take on a dog and give them all they need. It's a long term commitment, so think ahead.

