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## Meet and Greet



At Pacific Northwest Cattle Dog Rescue, we strive to match the great family with the right dog. The process begins by submitting an adoption application online. PNWCDR will follow up with a phone call and the next step is a meet and greet!

A meet and greet is an opportunity for you to meet the dog you are interested in adopting. It is also a chance for the foster parent to meet you. Please know that a meet and greet is not a guarantee of adoption. We consider this a mutual interview – we need to feel good about the placement too.

### AT THE MEET AND GREET:

1. Respect that foster parents are volunteers. Please come on time and with **all members of the household and all resident dogs**.
2. Begin the meet and greet without your own dog(s) present. Take some time to let the foster dog get to know you. Be calm and take cues from the foster parents. Treats may be used for a shy or anxious dog.
3. Take the dog for a walk on leash. See how the dog responds to you. Is it checking in? Can you physically manage the dog on leash? If allowed, touch the dog's body, ears, tail, paws to gauge their reaction. Take note of sensitive areas.
4. See the *Introducing Your New Cattle Dog* handout for tips on introducing your resident dog to the foster dog.
5. Ask lots of questions – you want to ensure a good match as do we. Ask the foster parent about the dog's behaviors, energy level, appetite, health and history. What training has the dog had? What are the exercise needs? What is the dog's status with house-training and crate-training? Any separation anxiety or reactivity?
6. Remember that as much as you may love the dog, we are trying to find the best match for the dog as well. **A meet and greet is not a guarantee of adoption.** We may have a dog meet several potential adopters to determine best fit. Please be understanding if we do select another family.
7. We ask adopters to "sleep on it" when making a decision on whether they would like to proceed with adoption. We know that some adopters travel a distance to meet our foster dogs and we are understanding of your time.

**We appreciate your understanding & patience with our process! Pacific Northwest Cattle Dog Rescue is a volunteer-powered and donor-funded 501c3 non-profit organization.**