



**27 Burgh Wood Way
Chorley
PR7 2FF**

General Adoption Enquiry for St Bernard and Big Paws Rescue

Thank you for your enquiry about giving a rescue dog a good home. Please complete this form and return it to the Rescue above, who will contact you to arrange a home visit. All our Helpers are volunteers, so may not be able to visit you immediately; however they will be in contact as soon as possible. Please note that the dog you are interested in is owned by the rescuer and St Bernard and Big Paws support these adoptions by advertising and co-ordinating

Thank you for your interest in becoming a major part in a dog's life.

Before completing the form, please ask yourself honestly if you are in a position to give a large breed rescue dog a space in your life. Rescue dogs often come with baggage and will need some time and patience to settle in and begin to trust again. Please remember that most dogs rescued may have very limited or no accurate history and their past lives are often abusive or neglectful. Are you fully prepared to help the dog learn to love again? Will you commit to continue the behavioural training or health needs regime that our volunteers have begun and stick to it?

If you can honestly say yes to the above, then please continue.....

Your Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Home Tel No:

Work Tel No:

Mobile No:

Email:

Please state your preferred form of contact from above

Your accommodation

What type of property do you live in?

Is your property owned or rented?

If rented, do you have proof of landlord's permission to own a large breed dog?

Do you live in an urban environment (town) or more in the country?

How large is the external area that the dog would have access to?

How high is the fence?

Do you have your own transport?

Is the dog to live in the house/garage/outside in a kennel?

Have you considered any noise pollution aspects for neighbours?

Owning a _____ dog

What do you consider the likely cost of weekly feeding to be? £

What do you consider the daily amount of exercise for a fully grown adult to be?

How do you plan to keep your dog clean and groomed?

What health risks do _____ have specifically?

Do you have any holidays planned within the next 3 months? If so, please give dates and how your dog will be looked after during holiday periods

Please note details below regarding who lives in your home on a regular basis:

Number	Age	Occupation	Hours out of home
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Adults

Children

Do children visit regularly? If so, what are their ages?

Does anyone in the home have a lowered immune system or an auto-immune disorder?

What dog is suitable for you and your prior pet experience

Have you ever had any animal removed from you for any reason or had expression of concern raised by a dog warden or RSPCA officer regarding welfare or behaviour? YES/NO * please delete. If so, please explain the circumstances fully below:

Have you ever been convicted for any offence under the Dangerous Dog Act? YES/NO * please delete. If so, please explain the circumstances fully

Have you ever owned a dog before? YES/NO * please delete

If yes please state breed and how long you had that dog for and your experience of owning that dog (both the positives and negatives)?

Please state if other pets live within the home or visit regularly?

Do you have a dog now that would live with our rescue dog? If so, please give a detailed history of your dog's behaviour towards other dogs re: food protection/walking/meeting and greeting/dominance behaviours, any aggressive incidents towards people or other animals:

What is your ideal dog? Please note when answering the following questions that broadening your options could determine the speed of getting your dog

Should there be a choice do you prefer a DOG/BITCH/EITHER* please delete

Please indicate minimum age to maximum age

Would you consider taking two dogs who have grown up together?

Please think very carefully before continuing the application process for adoption. A dog is a life long responsibility and the dogs we rehome have already had enormous change and life adjustment. There is a financial commitment for the right food, care and veterinary costs are high for. All care and veterinary costs will be your responsibility as soon as a dog is placed with you. We strongly recommend that you take out adequate health pet insurance and public liability insurance cover for your dog (to protect both you and the dog). **If you cannot afford to pay for this monthly cost, can you afford the dog if something goes wrong - either they cause damage or become very unwell?**

Have you applied to any other Rescue organisations for a dog? YES/NO * please delete. If so, which ones are you waiting to hear from?

Please state how you heard about us?

What happens if the dog isn't right for you?

We do ask that all adopters keep the dog at least for one month as it can take some dogs longer than others to settle. In the event that the dog is unsuitable for you, the rescuer will be responsible for liaising with you to support with rehoming options. If there is any reason for you to consider euthanasia of the dog please contact the rescue to discuss this before any agreement is made with your vet.

Our terms and conditions of adoption

Please note your data is kept for the life time of your dog and is shared with the rescue and the home check assessor. If your application is not successful, your data is confidentially destroyed within 6 months.

By signing below you agree to a representative from the rescue or home check service visiting to ascertain the welfare of the dog at regular intervals and consent to the rescue contacting your vet practice to obtain health related information ie if your dog has been neutered as requested. Please ensure that you maintain the behavioural advice given on taking ownership of the dog. You will need to update the identity chip to be registered to yourself and if a dog from abroad ensure that the EU Pet Passport name is changed (if you were not the registered owner when they came into the UK). We are acting on behalf of the rescue and are not liable for any actions, damage, incidents, health related issues once the dog is taken ownership of by yourself.

I agree to pay the agreed adoption fee which is non-refundable, this is a donation fee and helps towards the costs of dogs being rescued. Please note that if you are interested in a particular dog this cannot be held for you until the full payment is received. Transport costs are non-refundable and due 7 days prior to the transport date.

Full name of applicant:

Signed by applicant (over the age of 18 years):

Date:

Please return this form to the address below or via email to savingsaintsrescueuk@outlook.com

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Guidance/further reading: The Rescue Dog – A Guide to Successful Rehoming by Vanessa Stead

Please do not let your adopted dog off the lead in an unsecured area for at least 8 weeks. Rescue dogs can bolt suddenly to sound, sudden movement, other stimulus. They have also learnt to survive by running away and are excellent escape artists so any gaps in fencing, security etc will be found out.

Many of our dogs have been starved and had to fight other animals for food. Please ensure that you feed them separately and away from human's eating until you can establish trust that the dog will be fed regularly. We often suggest 3 feeds a day and sometimes the dog will hide food away as it would do on the streets.

Please do not leave your dog alone with anyone. Keep meeting new people to a minimum for the first 4 weeks until you have established some safety and knowledge of your new dog's behaviour. Your dog should be on a lead when meeting new people and other animals at all times. Please do not leave your dog alone with a child under 14, a vulnerable adult or other pet.

A letter from our Rescue dogs to all prospective humans

IF YOU ARE REHOMING A DOG FROM ABROAD FROM US. PLEASE READ THIS ADVICE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR OFFERING A SAINT BERNARD A LOVING AND CARING HOME

Please take care of us, we are allowed to leave - leave for a "new world" in a happy dog's life Unfortunately it happens again and again that the journey to a happy future becomes a journey into death so my plea is please take care of us... Many of us were independent street dogs - we had to scavenge and beg for our food - at risk we fled ... even before you people, mostly of men - that was vital for us. Those who grew up at the private shelter don't know the dangers of the road, have never had to learn to care for themselves. We often had to fight other animals for food on the streets so may be very protective or aggressive towards our food, bed, toys.

Two good reasons to take extra care of us, but that's not all: we have a long, long journey behind us. Driving, travelling in a box - we never experienced that before unless it was devil ASPA men. We do not understand what is happening. We do not know you people - you, who are our new family. We don't know your house - some of us have never seen a house before inside - vacuum cleaner, TV ... you have so many devices that we do not know which are loud - that makes us afraid. Not all of us are familiar with collar, harness and leash. We do not know your language Some of us get out of the car, move into your house and feel at home, as if they had always been there. Others of us slowly dare, out of the box, please, do not harass us, give us time ... time, patience ... these are the magic words.

We do not know that it is a journey to a better life that we have found our home, our own bed and a warm place. We only know that our world has been turned upside down - we must first find out that we can trust you, that we are in safety with you: we ask that you help us and take good care of us to protect us and other people, their animals take us on a leash and secure it twice: on the collar and the harness. This harness has, in contrast to the usual chest harnesses each dog can slip out from (yes, even if you did not think possible - we can make it ...). We may need to be muzzled for our own protection and for other humans and animals; many of us were used to protect people, animals and property so we may growl, snarl, back off or even attack people who are unknown when your home becomes ours and your family becomes what we need to now protect. Please strap us in the car - never open the door without making sure you that you really have us on a leash - if you cannot always use a cage. Leave no doors or windows open we can escape to the streets in a second ... inspect your garden fence - we find every hole and we jump higher than you believe. Please, do not understand this wrong, we do not want to run away from our new home - but by excitement, fear and fright, it may just happen, that we go on the run ... PLEASE take good care of us !!!