



How to Adopt a Dog from SPDR

Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue
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Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue is a non-profit adoption referral organization dedicated to placing unwanted and abandoned purebred dogs into new homes.

People wishing to adopt a dog through SPDR must fill out an extensive application form, explaining why they want the breed they are applying for, how they plan to care for the dog, and what kind of home they will provide. This application form can be completed online at www.spdrdogs.org.

If you are unable to submit an online application, you may print an application from our website, or phone 206-654-1117 and ask to have the form mailed to you. Completed forms may be mailed to SPDR's post office box (listed above).

All application forms received, whether online or by mail, will be sent to the Breed Rep of the breed (or breeds) you wish to adopt.

When a Breed Rep receives an application, she/he either approves or declines it. Applicants for dogs may be declined if the Breed Rep feels they cannot provide a suitable home for the dog they are applying for. You should hear from your breed rep within 7-10 days of applying.

The Breed Rep will review listing forms from private individuals wanting to place their dogs. She will then refer approved applicants to owners of dogs most closely fitting their description of what they are looking for. Breed Reps also hear about purebreds in the area shelters. If a dog that matches your request turns up in the shelter, the Rep will refer you to the shelter. You would then have to be approved by the shelter and would adopt directly from the shelter.

Applicants adopting dogs are under no obligation to accept any dog referred by SPDR. If you feel a dog is not right for you, simply notify the Breed Rep. The Rep will continue to refer applicants she/he feels might be suitable until the right match is found.

The Representative of your chosen breed will do her / his best to help you find a dog. However, SPDR can in no way guarantee an immediate placement. Adopters should expect to spend some time working with the Breed Rep to find the best dog for their requirements.

We warn adopters that dogs in most area animal shelters are kept for a very limited time. The shelters do not have the space to keep the large number of dogs surrendered by their owners. If you are notified about a dog in the shelter, please respond promptly.

If we are successful in helping you adopt a dog, we would very much appreciate a tax-deductible donation. Donation amounts are based on what it costs us to get the dog ready for adoption, and range from \$50 to \$400. Our actual costs often run well above those amounts. SPDR is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization as well as a registered charity. Our Breed Representatives and Board Members are all unpaid volunteers. We very much appreciate and depend on your donation to continue operating.

Thank you for adopting a rescue dog through SPDR!