

## Adoption Process

**Please Note: All dogs adopted from Mostly Mutts must be inside pets.**

**1. Application:** Fill out the application completely and copy & paste it into an email and send it to [mostlymuttsonline@gmail.com](mailto:mostlymuttsonline@gmail.com) or you can mail it to: Cheryl Hill 248 Little Mountain Rd. Sunbury, PA 17801 Please remember that the shelter is staffed entirely by volunteers so it may take a week or so until you receive a reply. If you are making an inquiry please include your telephone number in the inquiry. Thank You.

**2. References:** After the application is received, we will begin to call your references. If you are a current or past pet owner, please try to choose references that know you as a pet owner. Please be sure to complete the entire application or this may hold up the adoption process. Also, all your pets (dogs & cats) must be spayed or neutered unless there is a medical reason for not doing so. And all of your pets (both dogs & cats) must be up to date on shots unless there is a medical reason. Indoor cats need to, at least, have a current rabies shot. Please make sure your vet and/or vets information is complete so that we are able to verify these requirements.

**3. Home Visit:** Upon approval by the Adoption Committee, you will receive a call to set up a home visit. Once the home visit is completed by a designated member of Mostly Mutts or another qualified rescue person in your area and the "go ahead" is given, we will contact you to schedule an appointment to come to the shelter. Depending upon your location, if we are unable to do a home visit, we will ask you to send photos of your home (inside and outside) and yard, to show us where the dog will be living and we will also do a phone interview.

**4. Visiting the Shelter:** During your visit to the shelter, we will personally guide you around the property to see our fur-kids. You will be able to take a dog for a walk through many of the wonderful trails we have and get to know him or her. If you don't have your eye on one particular pooch, we recommend that you walk a few to see which loving dog will be best suited for your family and life style. If you have other dog(s), we would recommend that you bring them along to meet any prospective dogs.

**5. Trial Period:** If you decide to try one of our dogs, we encourage a trial period of at least 1 – 2 weeks before you decide to finalize the adoption. We want to make sure the dog fits into your household and routine. During the trial period, the dog's picture will move to the "Adoption Pending" section on the website.

**6. Adoption:** When everyone feels that enough time has passed in the trial period to make a decision, we will proceed with adoption. At this time, we will have you sign a contract, give you paper copies of the vet records, and we will accept the adoption donation fee. Most likely we will send the adoption paperwork in the mail and the signed contract and check can be mailed back to Mostly Mutts. If this is not convenient, we can make other arrangements. At this time the dog's picture will move to the "Adopted" section on the website.

**7. The Follow-Up:** After the adoption has been completed, generally the person that has been working with you through the adoption process will do a follow-up call and/or a home visit to see how everyone is adjusting. We encourage people to submit a "Happy Tails" story and a picture of the new "Forever Family". We appreciate updates and always look forward to hearing how our adopted fur kids are doing!

**Note: If upon a return home visit ( after adoption ), we find the dog is being mistreated in anyway, such as tied up outside for long periods of time, kept outside permanently, physically and/or mentally abused, or neglected, we reserve the right to retrieve him or her at that time.**