

## **CAWL's Puppy Adoption Policies**

These policies have been developed over time, to support *our puppy adoption* goal: to find the right home for each puppy, and the right puppy for each home.

Puppies will not be crated long hours each day (over 6). This is because puppies need lots of attention and time. A long day will make it harder for you to housebreak the pup and they sometimes develop separation anxiety. As the puppy gets older, he/she can be left for longer periods.

We prefer puppies to go to homes with older children. Households with children 6yrs or younger may be accepted on a case by case basis.

We require that you use a crate when the puppy is being housebroken and trained. This is the best way to housebreak and train your pup, and it will be his place of security. Our experience tells us that both you and the puppy will be happier this way!

We only adopt our animals as inside pets, let outside to go potty and play on nice days. We want our animals to be part of their new family.

Once you pick a puppy that you like, you will need to fill out an adoption application. Multiple applications on a Puppy may be accepted. An application does not guarantee you will get the puppy selected. Like people, all puppies are different. In addition, we will do a house visit and you will need to sign a contract. Please ask your adoption counselor or any CAWL volunteer for a copy of the adoption contract to make sure you are comfortable with its requirements. If the puppy is to be a second pet, we will "test" the puppy in your home for compatibility with the pets you already have.

<u>Our adoption fee for puppies is \$300.00\*.</u> This fee allows us to ensure that the puppies are fully vetted and get the best possible start in their new homes. All pups have been neutered/spayed, are current on shots, wormed and micro-chipped when they are released for adoption.

\*We reserve the right to increase this fee as needed based on breed, vet costs, etc. Please ask to confirm.

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