



## THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN TAKING ON A DOG.

Whilst having a dog in a home can be exciting there are things to consider when thinking about taking on a dog.

- Do your family have time to ensure the dog gets regular exercise. Different dogs need different amounts of exercise but it is important any dog gets out for ½ hour walks twice a day, rain or shine
- Think about the type of dog, the breed and the size. We always recommend that you research the breed you are interested in.
- Can you afford the dog? Take into consideration food, toys, equipment and vet bills. Will you take out insurance? We issue 4 weeks' free insurance with Pet Plan on every rehoming.
- Is your garden safe and secure? Are your fences high enough for the dog to not be able to jump over?
- Some dogs need continual training and socialisation, are your family able to take this on?
- Where will the dog sleep at night and will you be leaving the dog alone for long periods of time.
- If you have children, will they be calm around the dog and understand they sometime need time and space to settle.
- Some of our dogs do need house training, are you prepared to work with the dog and clear up any messes

These are just a few things to think about when taking on a dog. If you are unsure about anything you can always speak to staff at the shelter and they can offer any advice needed.

## ESSENTIAL SHOPPING LIST.

There are a few items that we would recommend you purchase before you take your dog home. Once staff have been to carry out a home check and have arranged a day for you to come and collect the dog, we would suggest you look into getting (\*available at shelter, new or second hand, please check with staff what we have in stock)

- Collar \*
- Tag \*
- Bed \*
- Bowls for food and water\*
- Good quality wet and dry food\*
- Poo bags
- Lead\*
- Harness\* (We stock Perfect Fit Harnesses)
- Toys, including Kongs