## Application Form to Adopt a dog/cat

Thank you for showing an interest in adopting or fostering through Rocky Road Rescue.

Please fill out the information below and send to rockyroadrescue.applications@gmail.com.

PLEASE FILL WITH AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE

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| **Applicant Details** |
| Name: |  |
| Have you been in touch with anyone from RRR already? If so, what is their name? |  |
| DOB: |  |
| Full UK Address: |  |
| Contact Number (Home): |  |
| Contact Number (Mobile): |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| What type of home do you live in?*(i.e. Detached, Terrace, Semi, Flat, Bungalow)* |  |
| Do you have any other pets? |  |
| If so, please list all pets and ages |  |
| If you have existing pets, how do you plan on introducing your new family member? |  |
| Do you have a garden? *Please include your fence height at its lowest level.* |  |
| Is the property owned or rented? |  |
| If rented, please upload rental permission from the Landlord. |  |
| Are you looking to adopt or foster, or both? |  |
| How many in your household/ages of children? |  |
| Is every member of your household on board to adopting a dog/cat |  |
| What is your experience with dogs/cats, specifically rescues. |  |
| Please list all experience with behavioural issues with previous animals, and how the issues were resolved. |  |
| Why are you interested in adopting a Romanian rescue? What research have you done? |  |
| Please detail the working hours of everyone in your household. |  |
| Have you considered how a new animal will affect your lifestyle? How will you keep the animals entertained/busy during your time away from the house. |  |
| Are you interested in any particular dog/type of dog/sex of dog? |  |
| Adoption fee for young dogs is £550, dogs 8+ are £400. Cats are £295. Please state YES or NO |  |
| Without the adoption reservation fee prior to your Homecheck, we will not be able to reserve your chosen animal for you. This includes for animals in foster care within the UK.  |  |
| Do you agree that foster animals within the UK require collection within 7 days of passing your Homecheck.  |  |

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:**

**Will I need to have a home check?**

Yes. We home check every potential adopter to make sure that we are placing our animals in the right homes. There are no exceptions to this rule.

You will be required to show a valid photo ID on your virtual homecheck and send your homechecker photos of your home.

**Do you rehome to families with children?**

Yes, but due to not knowing the background of the dogs, we only adopt to families with children under 12 if the dog has been correctly assessed.

**Do you rehome to first time owners?**

Unfortunately, we are unable to rehome to first time owners.

**What is your adoption fee?**

Puppies and dogs up to age 8 are £550 and senior 8+ are £400. All cats are £295. All applications will require a £50 non-refundable deposit prior to booking your homecheck. This amount gets deducted from your final fee amount.

**Will my dog/puppy/cat be housetrained?**

Unless stated otherwise in the dog’s album, please assume that the dog will not be house trained.

Please assume that our animals are not house trained.

**Will my dog be lead trained?**

Unless stated otherwise in the album please assume that your dog is not lead trained and will need to be taught to walk on a lead. Dog in Romania are rarely walked. Please also always use a harness and lead, some dogs will have been caught by dog catchers on a pole and noose. Being pulled by the neck can bring up traumatic memories.

**Can you take them into foster first so I can see what they are like in a home?**

No, foster is reserved for the overlooked animals and animals that need it the most. We closely assess our dogs and cats and decide whether they are suitable for direct adoption or not.

**Are they spayed/castrated?**

If your dog is over 9 months and below 8 years, then he or she will be spayed/castrated. If your dog is below 9 months, it will be the adopter’s responsibility to neuter the dog when of age and it will form a part of your contract. If over 8 years he/she will not be neutered.

Cats are neutered from 6 months, contractual obligations also apply for kittens adopted from 4 months.

**What if I don’t bond with them, can I give them back?**

We expect our adopter to make a life-long commitment to they are adopting. If this is something that concerns you, we do not suggest adopting a dog from abroad.

**Do you have rescue back up?**

Yes, we provide rescue back up for all of our dogs and cats, that being said we do expect the adopter to exhaust all avenues before handing an animal back to the organisation.

**What if my resident animal does not like them?**

We would expect our adopters to have thought long and hard about whether their dog/cat would accept another animal. We can provide guidance around sensible introductions, but the adopter must be confident that their own pet is ready for a companion. We only offer support for the behaviour of your new dog/cat.

**Can you cat test?**

Some of our dogs may have been cat tested (this is stated on the album). Unfortunately, the large majority of our dogs are in kennels, which is not a suitable place to take a cat.

**Do you know my dogs/cats breed?**

Most of our animals are mix breeds and we have no idea what they are. We have as much fun as you having a guess, but we have no hard evidence. If you want a pure breed dog/cat, we aren’t the organisation for you!

**How big will my puppy grow?**

This is a difficult one to answer unless we have seen both parents with the puppy, which is very rare. In most cases we make an estimate on the possible size, but please bear in mind, a puppy can have a spout of growth around 8 months old that can surprise even the most educated dog specialist.

**How will my dog/cat get to me?**

Your dog will travel on a fully equipped bus across Europe into the UK, he/she will then be dropped at your door.

**Are you available to give me advice and guidance?**

Yes of course! We will always try our best to support you. We do suggest you do some reading and fact finding of your own.

For an insight to life in Romania for you dogs please watch:

[Youtube- The Pack Project-Speranta (hope) The Street Dogs Feat. Rosie Marcel.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewZe81DpzLE)

This documentary was created by another organisation, but it shows life in Romania very well.

**Can you give me some more history on the dog/cat?**

The majority of our dog have been caught by dog catchers and have been brought up on the streets or surrendered by their owners. If we do know any background information on the dog, then we will state that on their album.

Cats are abandoned regularly, we do not know their background unless born in our care.

**Is the age of the animal accurate?**

Our experienced vets in Romania estimate the animals age by their teeth. The date on their passport is guessed due to the unknown accuracy of their date of birth.

**YOUR INFORMATION**

The information you have provided on this form will be used by RRR for the purposes of facilitating your application to foster or adopt a pet. We will not use your personal information for any other purpose without prior notice to you and we will not share your personal information with third parties for their own marketing purposes.

**BEFORE YOU SUBMIT**

I confirm that I am over 21 and will be the main care giver of the animal I have applied for.

I agree all the information I have provided is correct and understand that if this found to be incorrect this will immediately stop my application for adoption.

I have read and fully agree with the adoption process and terms and conditions of adoption. I also understand the animal I am applying for may have found its forever home. Should my application be favourable, I will be invited to view the other animals awaiting adoption.

We ask to see ID for all members of the household during your home check. We do not hold this information.

We are unable to process applications that have not signed to agree with the above.

**CONSENT**

By signing this you give permission for Rocky Road Rescue to pass your information to a Home Checker through our normal channels for your application to be processed.

If your application and homecheck are successful, you give permission for Rocky Road Rescue to pass your contact information over to our registered and licenced transport company.

I confirm I understand the adoption fees.

Signed:

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