Congratulations on your new addition!

Thank you for adopting from Bald is Beautiful. We pride ourselves on carefully screening adoptive households, to make sure to match each dog with the right home. In choosing you, we are confidently entrusting this dog’s care in your hands from this day forward.

Please know that Bald is Beautiful is here to support you in any way you need. In particular, as ’s foster mom, I want you to feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, and of course, just to let us know how this special dog is settling in.

My contact information is:

Name Phone number

Email

In order to help you, I’m passing along all the information I have about . This includes medical records as well as my observations as a foster parent.

Date of birth: [ ] known [ ] estimated

Date of spay/neuter [ ] unknown

Other medical procedures

In foster care, when home alone, this dog was:

[ ] Loose [ ] gated in restricted area [ ] crated

In foster care, this dog slept:

[ ] in bed with me [ ] in a crate [ ] in a dog bed [ ] other

**House manners:** [ ] Housebroken [ ] close, but inconsistent [ ] Not Housebroken

[ ] uses “puppy pads” [ ] a “marker” [ ] will potty in the yard [ ] Must be kept on schedule

[ ] will potty on a walk [ ] responds to a “potty command”

[ ] I recommend using a “belly band” for male dogs during transition to your home

[ ] I recommend crating the dog when left home alone or cannot watch

**Comments/suggestions**: *Keep in mind that any dog can “backslide” on house manners when moving into a new home. A routine and frequent trips outside are recommended during this transition. And lots of praise!* **Other notes:**

**Based on my observation, I have seen how this dog responds to the following:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *(Feel free to add comments)* | **Not observed** | **Likes** | **Neutral** | **Does not like** |
| **Other dogs** |  |  |  |  |
| **Children** |  |  |  |  |
| **Riding in the Car** |  |  |  |  |
| **Baths/water** |  |  |  |  |
| **Cats** |  |  |  |  |
| **Playing Ball** |  |  |  |  |
| **Playing with Toys** |  |  |  |  |
| **Strangers** |  |  |  |  |
| **Storms (thunder)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Fireworks** |  |  |  |  |
| **Walks** |  |  |  |  |
| **Other** | | | | |

**Temperament:** [ ] Outgoing/friendly [ ] Confident [ ] Adaptable [ ] Obedient

[ ] Enthusiastic [ ] Insecure/fearful [ ] Trainable [ ] Eager to please [ ] Smart

[ ] Active [ ] Shy/slow to warm up [ ] Not trainable [ ] Stubborn [ ] Sensitive

[ ] Happy [ ] Trusting [ ] Needy [ ] Sedentary [ ] Hyper/high energy needs

[ ] Playful [ ] Protective [ ] Independent [ ] Calm [ ] Affectionate

**Habits/Issues:** [ ] Flight risk: Escapes/runs off [ ] Jumps fences [ ] Strong prey drive

[ ] Destructive: [ ] Digging [ ] Chewing [ ] Howling [ ] Barking [ ] jumps on people

[ ] Used to collar and leash [ ] Pulls on leash [ ] Walks well on leash

[ ] Separation anxiety [ ] Gulps food [ ] Finicky eater [ ] food motivated

[ ] Resource guarding [ ] food [ ] toys [ ] person [ ] other

[ ] Tricks/training/commands

**Notes about animal’s general temperament:**

**Medical History (copies of any medical history available is attached):**

Veterinarian:

Address:

Phone(s:

**Heartworm** Test Date: Results:

*\*your vet should prescribe HW medications for a year following a negative exam, without another test.*

Heartworm medication brand:

Next date to be administered: *(We have included this next dose for your convenience)*

**Vaccinations** (Type, Kind, Date):

**Other Medical History** (Illness, allergies, injuries, physical problems)

**Medication(s) & Dosage**:

**Food:**

Feedings per day: Amount:

**Skin care notes:**

**Clothing recommendations (measurements/sizing):**

http://baldisbeautifulshopping.com/

**Microchip:** [ ] No [ ] Yes Brand & ID #

*Bald is Beautiful registers your dog’s microchip with AKC Companion Animal Recovery and we have added you as a new contact. This comes with a free lifetime enrollment to protect your dog.*

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

1. Your new dog comes to you with a martingale collar. This may be new to you, so make sure to ask the foster parent how to use it correctly.

* The collar has his/her ID tags on it, and should remain on them at all times.
* The martingale has been custom made and fitted for your dog. We STRONGLY suggest this be used rather than a traditional collar. While no safety restraint is 100% escape proof, most dogs are not able to slip out of a martingale. Plan on using it at least for the first month. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE/REPLACE THE MARTINGALE COLLAR FOR THE FIRST 30 DAYS**.
* After you and your new dog are settled into a routine, you might decide to use a harness instead. Be sure to use a properly fitted harness with click-closures (not Velcro) to ensure safety.

1. The first 30 days are a bonding time for you and your new best friend. It is expected your new dog will be nervous, so please have patience. Being safe and comfortable, and establishing a routine, should be your top priorities. Practice walking your new dog inside a secure area first. Once comfortable, leashed walks outside can begin.

**We cannot stress enough that every dog should be considered a flight risk when arriving in a new situation.** Even the friendliest dog can become frightened and panic, especially during the first few days. Always make sure the leash is secure before you leave the house, and transport your dog in a crate or secured harness/seat when traveling by car.

CHECKLIST

**FOREVER HOME**

* Confirmation of receipt of contract and payment (via foster parent)
* If meeting in the car, please have a crate for the transport to your home.

**FOSTER PARENT**

* Completed new owner packet
* Heart Worm Preventative
* Other medication (as needed)
* Transition food
* Clothing
* Collar (see above)
  + Identification tags
  + Microchip tag
* Belly Bands (boys)
* Optional: Toys, treats, gift items