

ADOPTION PROCEDURES

Basset Rescue of Montana volunteers:

1. Will call all three of your references;
2. Will call your veterinarian (your fourth reference);
3. After the Adoption Committee is satisfied with your references, and gives permission to proceed, we will make an appointment to visit you at your convenience. Our visit will generally include a walk of your fence line, and a discussion of any potential problems that we can remedy to help you make the adoption a successful one;
4. The “foster” family and Leslie Ames (Basset Rescue of Montana’s President, and the person most familiar with all the bassets) will then arrange a discussion, during which the adopter can get all his questions answered.

Our adoption agreement form will be reviewed by both potential adopter and myself; either over the phone or an agreement will be snail mailed or sent to you via email as an attachment to read in full. This will give a potential adopter an idea of what our agreements contain and we encourage questions and comments. The agreement was created specifically for the benefit of the rescued basset, not for the convenience of the adopter. These agreements have successfully matched hundreds of bassets to their new forever homes.

Taking these steps, *in this order*, have, over the years, proven to be extremely helpful in making an adoption successful. Further, our two week trial period has *always* worked out to be a positive step toward achieving the “forever home” everyone hopes for.

We DO realize this procedure seems a bit “over the top” -- after all, you *could* just go to a pet shop, or even to the Humane Society, and just buy or adopt a dog, on a whim, with little to no problem.

Quite possibly, the dog you bought on a whim, or adopted with very little forethought, will turn out to be *wrong* for you, and will end up in our, or a similar rescue (or back at a Humane Society and perhaps eventually euthanized). And quite possibly, the dog you are now considering adopting from us is here because of that precise reason: s/he was bought on a whim and became unwanted! *Basset Rescue of Montana’s mission: to make sure that doesn’t happen to the dog **twice!***

We thank you for understanding!