



MEET AND GREET INFORMATION SHEET:

1. Please ensure that any personal pets (ie. cats and dogs) are kept away initially. Keep them in another room so as not to overwhelm the NZCR dog. After the dog has met you and your family, we can introduce any current dogs to them outside, where there is more space, usually with them both on lead initially so there is some control.
2. When we arrive – please ignore the NZCR dog (ie. no touching, talking or making eye contact). It can be a very daunting experience for the NZCR dog to meet new people at a new location. It is best that we follow you in, to a seating area and you ignore the dog to begin with. We ask that you don't acknowledge them until they are comfortable. If they come over to sniff, remain still and allow them to do so without patting or talking to them. Again, affection and talking etc. can be daunting when they are getting to know their surroundings. Their foster will let you know more about when it is OK to interact with the dog, each dog is different.
3. It can be threatening to the dogs to have people standing, rather than at their level. Ideally we would go to a part of the home where all the people can be seated and the dog can wander around making him, or herself, familiar.
4. Please check prior to making the appointment that your home is secure for a dog to go on trial if the meet and greet is successful as we will be home-checking your property at the same time. (ie. please ensure that any fencing holes have been repaired, chicken wire added to large gaps in fencing and the property is fully fenced etc.)
5. Make sure all the family members in the house are available to meet the NZCR dog, we need to know that all of the family are interested in adopting the dog and that the dog is comfortable.
6. Please make sure that any other pet bowls (ie. dog or cat food) have been removed for the visit.

Next steps – What Happens After the Meet and Greet?

After the meet and greet, please take time to consider with your family, whether or not you believe this dog could be a fit for you and you wish to complete a trial. We will be in touch after a few days to share our thoughts with you also.

If both parties agree, the dog will go on trial!

If we don't feel it is a match, we will let you know also and may even recommend another dog in care that we feel may be better suited to your family.

Please note: we do not send the dogs on trial on the same day as the meet and greet. If you are visiting from out of Christchurch, you will need to understand that this process takes time and you will not be offered the dog on the day. Do not arrange any flights anticipating to meet the dog and take it home straight away.

Prior to going on trial, the full adoption fee (as noted on the dogs profile on our website) needs to be paid to the New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue Trust Account. Sorry, we do not accept part-payments, or enter into payment plans. The dog will not be released for adoption until the fee is paid into the account. This remains in the trust account for the duration of the trial. For more information on the trial process – please consult the Adoption Agreement signed by you and/or our website.

Send your deposit to - The New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue Westpac Trust Account: 03-0823-0074502-000