



REHOMING INFORMATION SHEET FOR THE FORMER OWNERS:

We understand that there may be many reasons why you (or someone you know) can no longer care for their Chihuahua, or Chihuahua cross. It is important for you to know that we are not here to judge your reasons and we understand it is often a very emotional process to let go, regardless of the circumstances. We are always happy to assist and guide you through the re-homing process. We take our job very seriously and always ensure that each dog that comes into our care receives any medical or behavioural treatment it requires. We have a very comprehensive approach to rehabilitation and rehoming. We are also very strict about the adopters we choose.

WHAT DO I SEND WITH THE DOG?

Please note: We can provide **anything** the dog may need, so if you don't have supplies for them – it's not an issue. Please don't worry – just let us know!

- If they have a vet book, please send this with them. If they don't have one, we can get this made up.
- Registration tag for the Council (again, if registered)

If you do wish to send some belongings with the dog (due to space restrictions) please just send:

- 1-2 (clean) favourite toys;
- (Clean) bed and/or blanket – if you wash this and allow them to sleep on it for 1-2 nights prior to them setting off on their journey, this is ideal as their scent will be on the bedding;
- Lead and their collar/harness (for toileting purposes on the road);
- Supply of their normal food for 1-2 nights;
- Vet book and registration tag (as above)

FLEA AND WORMING:

- We try to ensure dogs are flea/worm free when they enter our care. So they do not pass anything on to other animals during the trip to our Rescue and/or our foster carers animals on arrival.
- We suggest using brands obtained from a vet or pet store such as: Advocate, Revolution, Capstarr, Bravecto (Please **avoid** using low strength supermarket treatments).
- Please check that the dog doesn't have any live fleas on them. If you notice any, please flea treat the dog ASAP or contact us, and we will send a treatment (free of charge).
- If the dog doesn't appear to have live fleas but you are aware that they haven't been flea/wormed in some time, please treat them and let us know the date.
- If you need us to send a treatment ahead of the trip, please let us know ASAP and we can courier one to you. There is no charge for this.

VET HISTORY:

- If you can, please contact your vet (and any other vet the dog has attended) and ask them to send all the dog's medical records to: contact@nzchihuahuarescue.co.nz as your phone consent will speed up this process for us.
- This will allow our vet to review their information prior to their first appointment.

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS:

- We will contact you to let you know how the dog will be transported to Christchurch – by air or road. The Agent (pet exporter who will be transferring them to us) will then contact you by phone to discuss pick up or drop off arrangements local to you.
- We use only a few companies and only those that we trust to deliver rescues to us safe and sound. Many of them have successfully delivered multiple dogs to us from all over the country.
- **Transport costs:** We understand not everyone is able to pay for the transport. If you are able and willing, we greatly appreciate former owners' contribution to the costs of transport. We are a 100% volunteer run charity, so all proceeds made go to the dogs. If you are able, please donate to the NZ Chihuahua Rescue (Westpac) Trust Account: 03-0823-0074502-000 using your name, the dogs name and ref "donation".

We can send you a receipt to claim back 33.33% of the donation (as we are a registered charity). However, we understand not everyone can afford to do so and that's ok!

- **Do I Feed Them on The Day of Travel?** Please do NOT feed the dog the morning of travel – this can cause them to vomit while travelling. The Pet Couriers will take care of any feeding along the way. Please just send a couple of days' worth of their regular food.
- Please also resist the urge to feed them any "treats" or special "farewell treat" foods for the few days before travel. Do not stray from their usual diet. Dogs can suffer an upset stomach when new foods are ingested and this will be very disruptive to the Pet Couriers and/or the dogs will feel terrible while travelling! Please just keep to their regular diet before travel.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- You will liaise with the Agent and confirm the drop off/pick up arrangements. Please email to let us know once complete.
- The dog will be transported to us here in Christchurch, our Trustees Casey and Alex meet the Agent and collect the dog. We gather up any items the dog might need and take them to their foster home. We can let you know by email once the dog has arrived and is safe.
- When dogs are placed in our care we provide behavioural rehabilitation, medical treatment, de-sexing, up to date vaccinations, flea and worming treatments, micro-chipping and registration on the NZ Companion Animal Register and Council registration for each dog. But first we allow them to settle in to their foster home, before beginning with an initial vet check appointment.
- **Will I get updates?** We are happy to update you periodically while the dog is in our foster care. It is important to us that you are comfortable with your decision and if you wish to receive an update please email us. We will check in with the foster carer and respond.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please do view the information about our rehoming process, noted on our website:

www.nzchihuahuarescue.co.nz/re-home-a-dog

We also have a FAQ on our website re: the rehoming process:

<https://nzchihuahuarescue.co.nz/surrenders-faq>

FOR ANY QUERIES - FEEL FREE TO EMAIL US: contact@nzchihuahuarescue.co.nz (our inbox is consistently monitored and cleared each day)