



MIDWEST AKITA RESCUE SOCIETY

Pre-adoption Guide

www.akitas.org

This pre-adoption guide informs those interested in adopting a rescue Akita. MARS wrote this guide to help prospective adopters make an informed decision about this special breed. Midwest Akita Rescue Society referred to as MARS in this document.

If, after reading this, you have additional questions, please contact:
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Adopting from MARS

The Fee:

A MARS adoption fee is \$400 for an adult (or \$600 for a bonded pair). \$500 is required for Akita puppies (\$100 refund upon proof of spay/neuter).

All MARS Akitas ready for adoption are vaccinated, heartworm negative, receiving all appropriate preventative medications, and in general good health. All adults are spayed/neutered. MARS orphans are awaiting adoption in approved foster homes or kennels.

If the new caretaker decides the Akita does not fit into their new environment, the Akita shall be returned to MARS. The adoption fee will be refunded in full if the return occurs during the first four weeks of adoption.

The Requirements:

The ultimate goal is inclusion into a loving "forever" home that treats their Akita like family. All potential homes are evaluated by MARS Volunteers. References are required. The potential adopter must be experienced with large, working dog breeds or be eager to learn. The MARS Akita must have a physically fenced yard, kennel run, or a regular, leashed walking regime. Apartments are unacceptable for MARS Akitas and will not be considered. Akitas must have protection from foul weather, receive quality nourishment and veterinary care and be licensed within the first four weeks of adoption. MARS Akita adults are not placed in homes with resident children under the age of ten. MARS Akitas are not permitted to be left alone outdoors when their new family is not at home. MARS Akitas are not placed into homes that already have resident dogs of the same gender.

The Process:

1. Complete and fill out the application.
2. References will be consulted.
3. Evaluation and home visit completed by MARS Volunteer(s).
 - a. Deficiencies (if any) identified and corrective action recommended.
 - b. Deficiencies remedied.
4. Determination by MARS Coordinator.
 - a. Approval -- MARS has an Akita(s) available for your consideration.
 - b. Approval -- MARS will notify you when an appropriate Akita is available.
 - c. Decline -- Reason(s) provided.
5. Introduction to Akitas available for adoption (adopter travels to the Akita(s)).
6. Selection and adoption. Welcome to MARS
7. Evaluation/transition period.
 - a. MARS provides needed advice/assistance.

Review these pages as well -

Akita Traits - Is an Akita Right for you:

<https://akitas.org/your-akita/adopting/is-an-akita-right-for-me/>

How to find your new best friend:

<https://akitas.org/your-akita/adopting/how-to-find-your-new-best-friend/>

If you have other pets:

<https://akitas.org/your-akita/adopting/what-if-i-have-other-pets/>

Akita health concerns:

<https://akitas.org/the-akita-breed/health/>

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