

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

If you want to adopt with an open heart to join hearts with another being and share a life with them, then possibly you'll find your canine friend..... If you wish to adopt expecting the perfect dog with no issues, then you will not be as likely to find your canine friend.

The dogs in rescue, by and large, are here because someone else has given up on them. For whatever reason, through their own fault or not, they are abandoned. Sometimes they have fear issues; sometimes they have never lived a normal loving life; and sometimes they are just fine and need another home because of problems their people are facing. Regardless of why they land in rescue, they need you to be committed in the right way.

Do not adopt if you don't expect to put time and energy and money into working with a rescue dog. You may need to hire a trainer. You may endure problems in the beginning as the dog adjusts to a totally new life. Those problems might be chewing, peeing, pooping, barking, hiding or even growling. Change is not always easy for dogs. It is important to have patience and tolerance for understanding life from their perspective. They will not be perfect. Neither are you when you do something new. There also may be medical issues that we cannot see which means you'll spend money you didn't expect to spend. You are not buying a new car, you are rescuing a living, breathing dog that needs care. The membership of the MPWCC have given our hearts, souls, and wallets to insure these dogs leave healthy, happy and ready for a new life but, there are no guarantees.

If you wish to adopt understanding that the love in the hearts of these dogs is tremendous and unparalleled when you connect with them, then you have the right perspective. If you can imagine what it feels like to be misunderstood your whole life, not wanted and not cared for properly, then imagine what it is like for someone to finally care enough to put the time into giving you what you need. That is why rescue dogs bond so deeply and so strongly when they find their person. Finally, someone understands who they are and what they are here to give to people.

Rescue is really about YOU being rescued. About YOU digging deeper into your heart to work through whatever comes up, to unconditionally love a dog who is willing to unconditionally love you. It takes effort and hard work sometimes, to find real joy. That is what we are looking for in adopters.

MAYFLOWER PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI CLUB RESCUE PROGRAM

Please review the following information carefully.

Thank you for your interest in adopting a Pembroke Welsh Corgi through the Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club, Inc. **Before completing the application for a rescue Pembroke, go to the MPWCC website (www.mayflowercorgiclub.org)**, click on "Living With a Corgi", then click on "All About Corgis", and finally click on and read the article "Breed Characteristics: The Pembroke as a Companion". This will help you find out if the breed is the right one for you and/or your family.

You, as the potential adopter, should read the enclosed information thoroughly. If a Corgi seems to be the breed for you, complete and return the enclosed/attached adoption application. After your application is received you will be contacted by someone on the rescue committee to discuss your application and the adoption process.

We welcome and appreciate your interest in providing a good home for a Pembroke. Please understand that your completion of this application does not guarantee that a suitable Pembroke will be found for you. Please also understand that applicants are not placed on a waiting list in order of the dates of their applications, but rather that in each case of selecting a home for a Pembroke all applications will be considered equally in order to attempt to select the most suitable home for that Pembroke considering its health, personality, behavior and other factors, and to attempt to select the most suitable Pembroke for that home in light of the information provided in the application.

In the event that a Pembroke were to be considered for adoption by you, there would be a written agreement between you and the MPWCC. In this agreement, among other things, you would make certain agreements regarding your care of the Pembroke, and you would agree that the Pembroke would be returned to the Club if you do not abide by these agreements or if you no longer want to or are able to care for the Pembroke. In addition, a member of the MPWCC will make a visit to your home.

Please understand that while in most instances the MPWCC will have had the Pembroke examined by a veterinarian, we are unable to make any claims or guarantees regarding the health, behavior, personality, or physical condition of the Pembroke and that all expenses (including veterinary expenses) relating to the Pembroke will be your responsibility after adoption. The Pembroke will also usually be either spayed or neutered before being adopted by you and we will provide you with all the appropriate veterinary records on the dog that we have.

Due to the many expenses that are often involved in rescuing Corgis, we do ask for a donation to help defray expenses relating to the MPWCC's care of the Pembroke prior to the adoption.

You may be asked to drive some distance to meet a rescue Corgi.

Many times there are no Corgis available for adoption, so a long wait may be necessary.

We reserve the right to refuse an applicant for any reason if we feel the needs of the dog will not be properly met or the adoption is not in the best interest of the dog.

The MPWCC would appreciate it if you would notify us if, after you complete the Application for Adoption and are waiting for a response, you get another dog or decide that you no longer wish to adopt a Pembroke.

MAYFLOWER PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI CLUB, INC.
RESCUE COMMITTEE
ADOPTION APPLICATION

Please complete the following information to assist the Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club , Inc. Rescue Committee in our efforts to select a suitable Pembroke Welsh Corgi for you and your family to adopt. This information will be helpful in determining that a proposed adoption is in the best interest of the Pembroke Welsh Corgi, and you and your family. In answering these questions, feel free to attach additional pages if necessary.

Your application will be held in active status for one year from the date of application. After one year if you wish to remain on our active list of potential adoptive families, please contact the Applications Coordinator to communicate your continued interest.

The MPWCC would appreciate it if you would notify us if, after you complete the Application for Adoption and are waiting for a response, you get another dog or decide that you no longer wish to adopt a Pembroke.

Date: _____

ABOUT YOU

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone # with area code: _____ Best Time to Call: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation(s): _____

How did you find out about us? _____

List all persons that live at this home, including ages and interests:

Name	Age	Interests
ADULTS		
CHILDREN		

Which persons in the household are interested in adopting a Pembroke? _____

Do you belong to any dog clubs? Yes No (If yes, please specify) _____

DESIRED PEMBROKE FEATURES

Age Range: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Would you consider a senior dog (8 years or older)? _____

Would you consider more than one dog? _____

Would you consider a dog that has a physical problem that might be controlled or cured with the use of diet, drugs, or surgery? _____

Would you consider a dog that has an emotional problem (ex., separation anxiety, fear aggression) that might be controlled or cured with training, behavior modification, or the use of drugs?

Pick the 5 most important descriptions of what you are looking for in this new dog:

obedient playful easy going energetic athletic calm
 outgoing quiet playful couch potato housetrained good in car
 good with kids affectionate for performance/agility/sports good with other dogs
 walking/hiking companion eager to bond needs nurturing no issues with people
 good on a leash

ABOUT YOUR HOME

What type of dwelling do you have?

Apartment / Condominium Detached Home Duplex Farm Mobile Home

Setting: Urban Suburban Rural Do you: Rent Own

If you rent your home, do you have permission from your landlord to have a dog? Yes No
(Please be able to provide an approval letter from your landlord.)

If a condo or townhouse, do restrictive covenants permit dogs? Yes No

Do you have a yard? Yes No If yes, is it fenced? Yes No
If not fenced, how do you plan to ensure that the dog receives safe and adequate exercise?

Are there children in the neighborhood, do children/grandchildren visit you, or do you plan to have children in the future? (Describe)

Are there other dogs in neighboring yards? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, to the best of your ability, describe the personality of those animals _____

Are any household members allergic to dogs? _____ Yes _____ No

HOUSING AND CARING FOR THE ADOPTED DOG

How did you learn about Pembroke Corgis? _____

Please detail any experience you've had with Pembroke Corgis in the past. _____

Why are you interested in adopting a Pembroke? _____

Who would primarily be responsible for caring for the Pembroke? _____

Where will your dog spend the day? _____

Where will your dog spend the night? _____

Would there be people at home during the day? _____ Yes _____ No

Approximately how many hours per day would the dog be left alone? _____

Where would the dog eat? _____

How would the dog get play/exercise, and how much? _____

Do you plan to enroll your dog in a training/obedience class? _____ If so, where? _____

Have you trained a dog before? _____

When you go on vacation, what would be the arrangement to care for your pet(s)? _____

Even if the Pembroke had been previously housebroken, you should expect that it would not be housebroken, at first, in a new home. This may be temporary or it may require retraining. How would you deal with this issue? _____

Dogs may become destructive when left alone, but there are ways to train them not to chew or mess in the house when left alone. How would you deal with this? _____

Would you be willing to confine a dog to a crate for certain periods during the 1st few weeks or months after it arrives in your home? _____

Pembrokes shed **heavily** about 2 times per year: combing, grooming, nail care is required. How are you prepared to deal with the grooming needs of the dog? _____

The Pembroke may not initially get along with any other pet that you may now own or in the future. How would you handle this situation should it arise?

The Pembroke will need vaccinations, heartworm medication, and regular veterinary care. It may become ill and require costly medical treatment. Are you willing and able to provide this care if needed ?

OTHER PETS

Do you currently have other pets in the home? ____ Yes ____ No

If so list all:

Type (dog, cat, bird, etc)	Breed (if known)	Describe Personality of Pet	Age	Sex (M or F)	Neutered ? (Y or N)	Vaccinations Up to Date? (Y or N)

How do these pets behave with dogs, and if they are dogs, how do they behave with strange or new dogs?

Have you owned any other dogs before? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, please describe how long you had them, and what happened to them. _____

What experience have you had around dogs in general? _____

Have any of your present or previous pets been adopted from an animal shelter or rescue organization?

_____ Yes _____ No If yes, how many? _____

What reason, if any, would cause you to give up a family pet? _____

REFERENCES

Please list the name and contact information for 2 references who can speak to your fitness as a pet owner in general, and more specifically, as the owner of a rescue dog. If you currently own or have in the last five years owned a pet, please include your veterinarian as one of the references.

Reference 1:

Relationship to you: _____ Veterinarian _____ Other (Specify)_____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone # with area code: _____ Best time to call: _____

Reference 2:

Relationship to you: _____ Veterinarian _____ Other (Specify)_____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone # with area code: _____ Best time to call: _____

Thank you for the time you have taken to complete this application.

Please return the application by email (preferred) or by USPS to:

Email: caques@aol.com

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