

# **Adoption Process Policy**

The adoption process typically involves several key steps to ensure that both the potential adopter and the dog are well-suited for each other and that the transition into the new home is as smooth as possible:

### a) Application:

Prospective adopters are required to fill out an adoption application, which serves as a preliminary screening process. The application collects information about the potential adopter's experience with dogs, their living situation (such as whether they own or rent their home), their lifestyle, and preferences regarding the type of dog they are looking to adopt.

## b) Meet and Greet:

Once the application is reviewed and deemed suitable, and the dog matched to the applicant, the applicant(s) are invited to meet the dog in person. This allows both the adopter and the dog to interact and assess compatibility. It's an opportunity for the adopter to see the dog's personality and behaviour firsthand, and for the dog to potentially form a bond with the adopter.

#### c) Trial Period:

After the initial meeting, a trial period is often offered to ensure that the match is a good fit for both the adopter and the dog. This trial period allows the dog to spend time in the adopter's home environment, giving both parties the chance to see how they adjust to each other. During this time, the adopter can address any concerns or issues that may arise, and the organization can provide support and guidance as needed.

#### d) Adoption Fee:

A reasonable adoption fee is typically charged to cover the costs associated with caring for the dog while they were in the MADUK care. This fee helps offset expenses such as veterinary care, vaccinations, spaying or neutering, microchipping, food, shelter, and other necessities. It also serves as a commitment from the adopter to provide responsible care for the dog.

#### e) Follow-Up Support:

Even after the adoption is finalized, MADUK provides ongoing support and guidance to adopters. We provide free training and support via video link or phone call for longer distances and if the adopters are within distance and can travel, then in person. This may also include follow-up check-ins, with emailed or messaged links for resources for training and behavior issues, advice on healthcare and nutrition, and assistance with any questions or concerns that may arise during the transition period. The goal is to ensure that both the adopter and the dog have everything they need for a successful and happy life together.