



Mission Statement and Application Process

Freedom Angels Romania seeks to assist four lone rescuers in two cities in Romania, Brailia and Constanta. Our mission is two pronged, the first to assist the lone rescuers by finding forever homes for as many of their dogs and puppies (hereafter: the dogs) as possible, and second, to provide 4 spayathons a year to neuter the street dogs to attempt to manage the flow of puppies and protect the health of the dogs.

Our process.

Once the dogs have been health checked and vaccinated and are ready to travel, we work with the rescuers to understand the needs of each dog and the care it needs when it arrives. Some dogs travel straight to their new owners, some come to the UK to live with Foster-Parents to continue their evaluation, and some, when the need is great, are placed in kennels, although this is not ideal.

Those that need homes are advertised on a variety of platforms, including, but not limited to, our website, Facebook, Pets4homes, Instagram and Twitter. This ensure each dog has the maximum exposure to ensure applications are received. However, we operate a strict application process, with all interested parties required to fill in an Application Form that can only be found on our website.

Applying for a dog.

Freedom Angels Romania understand that each of our dogs has had a different life experience, and therefore there is no 'one-size-fits-all' approach to our dog placement. All of our dogs are assessed, and their needs are listed in their adverts. When we receive the applications, we read each one to ensure we find the best applicant for the needs of the dog.

Note: We cannot provide companion animals, service dogs or hypoallergenic dogs. We know nothing about the history of our dogs and have to make assessments on them based on our experience in the time they spend with us. We cannot determine their breed and do not conduct intelligence tests.

Our application forms are numbered and are read in chronological order to ensure fairness. We then conduct shortlisting, and then a home-check, where potential adopters are asked a series of lifestyle and theory questions to help us determine their suitability for the dog they are applying for.

About this process.

- To apply for a dog, you must be a permanent resident of England or Wales, and be able to provide I.D. that matches the details shown on the application.
- We read all of our applications. If we feel you are a match for the dog, we will contact you to arrange a home-check
- Due to constraints on time, and numbers of volunteers, we will attempt to contact you twice, either by phone or text, if you do not respond we will assume you no longer wish to pursue your application.
- We shortlist a maximum of 5 people per dog. It is important to provide accurate information in order for us to decide if you are a suitable match for the dog.
- Once we have home-checked the people we have home-checked we review the information gathered. We will look at each person's score (to be explained) and their application form, with the person who applied first, with the most points, having the dog placed with them.



- If you were successful, but not for the dog advertised we will ask you if you would consider adopting a different dog.
- Applications that were not shortlisted:
 - Some people will be asked to reapply on the strength of the application they have provided
 - Others will receive a letter detailing why they were not suitable. It is always vital to read a dog's casefile as many applications are not suitable because they have simply applied for the wrong dog for their family.

After successful Home-Check

- You will be asked to sign an adoption agreement for the dog and to send the Charity an adoption donation for them
- You will be added to the Microchip as Joint-owner with the charity.
- You will be allocated a Follow-up-Coordinator.

Our Forms.

You are asked a variety of questions to enable us to ascertain if you and your family are a suitable match for the dog you have applied for.

- **Name and Address** – many of our dogs are in foster, or in our kennels in Wiltshire – we need to understand where you are in relationship to the dog you have applied for. If you live in Cornwall and the dog you apply for is in foster in Co. Durham, you need to state clearly in the application that you are happy to travel.
 - Please remember that adult dogs have to be met at least once before an adoption can be decided upon, and that a second visit may be needed to pick the dog up.
- **Age** – Freedom Angels have a pragmatic approach to Dog Placement. We need to understand your age to ensure we match you to the right dog according to their needs. Our puppies could live to 15 years – can you offer them the same levels of exercise and lifestyle over the whole of that period?
We do not place dogs with people aged under 25. We appreciate that many younger people may be mature enough to own a dog, however, younger people are more likely to live in shared accommodation, or be in full time education, and so we have agreed on this minimum age in anticipation of this.
- **Children's ages** – We do not consider homes with children under 5 in line with other UK Charities. We will home puppies in homes with children 5+ and adult dogs, where appropriate, with children aged 10+. Age group for children will always be in the advert for the dog.
- **Garden** – We will not consider application from those who do not have access to their own, secure, private garden. Our dogs will have spent their lives outside, being inside will take getting used to. It is vital they have safe outside space to be in.
 - If successful at shortlisting we will ask for videos of your garden, in advance of home-check, to assess the suitability for the dog you have applied for.
- **Other pets** – We do not consider applications from homes where the existing dog is not-neutered, unless that dog is unneutered due to a medical condition or old age.



- **Lifestyle** – our dogs come in all spaces and sizes; we need to make sure you match the dog you are applying for.
- **Next of Kin for those living alone** – we reserve the right to ask single people who their next of kin is, or for them to name and provide the details of the person who will be responsible for their dog in case of emergency.

Finally

Freedom Angels Romania will maintain a working relationship with you for the duration of your dog's life. We offer full rescue back up* and are always here to offer advice and support.

**We ask all applicants to read our Rescue Back Up Guide for Adopters in advance of a placement.*