



Adopt a Chicago Dog

Welcoming a Chicago Dog to your family is an exciting milestone for you and your entire household! We've gathered tips and tricks to help you prepare, along with guidance on how and where to meet your best match.

Consider what kind of dog may be best-suited for your lifestyle. Each Chicago Dog is one-of-a-kind and has a unique story - just like you! Ask yourself how much time, training, and energy you're open to providing your new dog as you consider available animals. You'll want to think about your pet care experience and household dynamics when choosing a dog. Most adoption centers will have crafted profiles to provide key details about each animal's personality, background, and care considerations to help guide you to your best match.

Get your family and home ready. There's lots of preparation you'll need to do before bringing home a new dog. That may include getting a roommate or partner's consent, double-checking pet parameters on your lease if you rent, verifying association rules if you own, dog-proofing, or getting existing pets ready for a new sibling. Also consider your personal schedule. If you have travel planned in the coming weeks, now may not be the best time to adopt. Many adoption centers will provide you with some starter supplies. You should also be prepared to provide additional items like bowls, treats, bedding, and toys ahead of bringing your Chicago Dog home. Whether it's logistical or relational, make sure you take the time to prepare yourself, your family, and your household ahead of bringing home your new dog.

Meet your match. Once you've prepared your family and home, it's time to start your search for a Chicago Dog! Remember to consider compatibility as you search various adoption centers for a good match. Most Chicago Dog listings will include a pet profile which shares basic information about the dog's age, size, personality, and details like training needs, friendliness with other pets, or special care considerations. Once you've found a Chicago Dog who catches your eye, follow the instructions on that specific adoption center's website to learn more about next steps, which may include filling out an adoption questionnaire, dropping in for a meeting, or scheduling an appointment at the adoption center.

[View a list of Chicago Dogs who are looking for homes here.](#)

