

## **Rehoming FAQ**

- **Why do you never have animals that can go with children?**

The short answer is we do, but these animals will very rarely make it to social media and our website because if they can go with children we will nearly always have someone already on file waiting to adopt from us. This is why its important to fill in a form if you are looking for an animal as we will always check forms first before advertising our animals. This is why the majority of the animals you see advertised can't go with children, as we don't have anyone suitable on file for them.

- **Why do you never have animals that can go with other animals?**

The answer is very similar to first answer which is we do and will most likely have found someone on file who is suitable, which again is why you won't see many animals advertised that can go with other animals. People also need to realise that animals come to the Shelter for many reasons and, like humans, not all animals get on with each other. A lot of animals we get in haven't lived with other animals before and have never had to learn how to share a space. We love when we can rehome animals with other animals but we will always do thorough testing first to make sure we are certain an animal will be happy in a multi-pet home. Our priority is the welfare of the animals in our care and making sure we adopt them to the most suitable home for their needs.

- **Why do all your cats need outdoor access?**

We believe in always rehoming cats to somewhere where they can go outside, unless there is a reason why they need to be kept inside. Cats are very active animals and are known for their curiosity, so we believe that they should be allowed to explore and have more freewill to keep them happy. This being said, we do rehome cats to 'indoor homes' when it is the best option for them. This includes elderly cats that may have problems with movement, or cats with physical disabilities that would struggle in the outside world. We also rehome indoors cats with viruses that can be spread to other cats, such as FIV and coronavirus. We understand why many people keep their cats indoors, such as living on busy roads or not having access to an outside area, so if you are looking for an indoor cat please fill in a form as you won't often see indoor cats being advertised on our social media, as we have a lot of people on file who we will ring first.

- **Why do you charge an adoption fee to rehome an animal?**

We are a charity that relies on the donations of members of the public to keep providing our services to the Island. Without money being donated we wouldn't be able to carry on caring for the animals that need us. Whilst the adoption fee doesn't cover how much it took for the animal to be made ready for rehoming, it helps put some money back towards helping the next animal to become ready. Depending on the species, animals will be neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and fully health-checked by one of our veterinary surgeons before being made ready for rehoming. The adoption fee can also help potential adopters think about the financial commitment of owning a pet.