



DBARC ADOPTION PROCEDURES (Covid restrictions)

Defra has approved new guidelines from the Canine and Feline Sector Group, a membership body for animal welfare organisations on how to rehome animals during the crisis.

This means we can continue to take-in and re-home dogs as well as take in and re-home some other species. At present we do not feel it is sensible to re-home our cats as they are housed in a building and we are unable to introduce people to them outside – so until things improve a little more, our cats are still not for rehoming, although we are happy to continue taking in cats in need.

If you have an animal needing our help, you must [e-mail](#) us and fill in an acceptance form we will send you online.

WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANIMALS WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT

To keep everybody as safe as possible, we are adjusting our procedures.

- DBARC will remain closed to the public. Entry is permitted by strict appointment only.
- Keep an eye on our website to view animals available for adoption. Each animal has a clickable link – if you click on this link and you get a message saying ‘Permission Error’ it means this animal is currently reserved.
- When you find an animal you are interested in, please read their details carefully to make sure this is an animal you feel able to offer a ‘forever home’ to.
Under each animal will be a link to an online application form which you will need to fill in and return. You will not receive an instant reply upon submission. We will only contact who we feel is most suitable for the animal once we have assessed all applications. If you are not chosen, we are sorry you will not receive a reply (we get a lot of applications for each animal), but you can check if the animal has been formally reserved by clicking on the animal’s link.
- If you are chosen to move forward with the adoption process we will contact you to sort out a virtual homecheck of your house and garden.
- Once the homecheck has been approved by our homechecking team, you will be invited to come and meet the animal. All meetings will be arranged by appointment only.
PLEASE DO NOT COME TO DBARC IF YOU ARE SELF ISOLATING. Full Covid safety measures will be adhered to at all times – you will be asked to wear a mask and use hand sanitisers and keep a safe distance from our staff. We would ask a maximum of 2 people to visit and ask you stay in your car until a member of staff meets you. You will be meeting the animal outside, so dress accordingly! Ideally viewing and collections should be done in the same visit to limit exposure and travel. New owners are encouraged to buy items needed for their new arrival before their visit. We have many pet accessory items at DBARC and are happy to help supply items from our shop if necessary. This will need to be sorted before any visit.
- We do ask that potential adopters thoroughly consider the responsibility of taking on a rescue animal BEFORE attending the appointment, especially their capability with supporting any behavioural issues.
- If the potential adopter feels the animal is the right one for them, they will be invited to formally adopt the animal. A donation is very much appreciated and our preferred method is through our Virginmoney Giving site (<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/donation-web/charity?charityId=1006087>) or we can accept card payments at the time of your visit. We will not accept cash or cheques at present. Once the donation is received we can e-mail the adopter the relevant paperwork.

Please feel free to contact us if you need any further information about our procedures for adoption.

You can e-mail us on dbarc2020@yahoo.com