



DBARC ADOPTION PROCEDURES (Covid restrictions)

Things have changed at DBARC since Covid hit March 2020.

We are no longer open for people to look around, entry is strictly by appointment only.

We have found that since stopping the public looking around the centre our animals are much calmer and less stressed – so this will now be the way we will continue to operate for the comfort of our animals.

WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANIMALS WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT

If you have an animal you wish to rehome, please e-mail us on <mailto:dbarc202@yahoo.com>

To keep everybody as safe as possible, we have made some adjustments to 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. If you are unable to access our website – please e-mail us on dbarc2020@yahoo.com for more information,
- 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 may 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 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 HAVE ANY COVID SYMPTOMS. When you arrive at DBARC you will need to ring the intercom for the staff to open the gate for you. You will be meeting most animals outside, so dress accordingly!
Ideally meetings and adoptions should be done on the same visit to limit exposure and travel, but if this is not possible another appointment will be made for collection.
New owners are encouraged to buy items needed for their new arrival from our shop ‘Barkwrights’, we have lots of new and 2nd hand pet accessories at very reasonable prices. You may wish to look on our online shop before you visit, you can order items to collect from the centre to save postage.
<https://barkwrights.store/>
- 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 to enable us to continue our work and our preferred method is with a credit/debit card, not cash or cheque if possible.
- Please make sure you have thought about getting your new family member safely home. Dogs legally need to be restrained in the car - ideally in a secure crate, or in the boot with a dog guard or on the back seat with a good fitting car harness. It is a good idea to have somebody with you when picking up a dog so that person can make sure the dog is safe on the journey home. Cats and small animals will need a secure carrier (we usually have plenty in our shop!)

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

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