



# Adopting a Pit Bull

- Did you know it can take up to 3 months for a dog to be completely comfortable in a new environment?

- Did you know adopting a pet can improve your health?

- Owning a pet can help reduce stress.

## Thinking about adopting a Pit Bull?

If you are renting you will want to make sure that your landlord gives you his/her blessing. For some helpful tips on renting with your pit bull visit our website [www.cohpitbullrescue.com/renting](http://www.cohpitbullrescue.com/renting)

Adopting a pit bull can be a wonderful experience. Prepare to be loved unconditionally. There is nothing in the world more devoted than a rescued pit bull. Prior to embarking on a search for your new best friend we suggest these steps

- Check your State/County/ City laws, rental and insurance policy to insure there are no restrictions or required deposits.



### •Include all family members

- Have a family discussion prior to filling out a application
- Attend some adoption events or visit shelters as a family
- Determine what type of personality, energy level and age would be best suited for your environment.



### •Include your current pets

- Set up a neutral meeting with the potential pet
- Ask about doing a trial or foster to adopt to ensure that the dog is the appropriate match for your current pets.

## Prepare your home for your new family member

- New pets need time to transition comfortably set up a crate and be sure to give your new pet some alone time
- Ask what type of dog food the dog is currently eating and if you choose to change the food. Wait a few weeks to do this and be sure to add the new food to the old food slowly. 25/75 and then 50/50 and 75/25.
- Be sure your yard is secure and safe
- Be prepared to take a few days off of work to spend with your new dog to lay down some basic ground rules and bond.

## Be prepared to be a leader.

Pit Bulls are big clowns but they can be a bit lost without direction they are loyal people pleasers so training is fun and easy. Be prepared to enroll in a training class this enforces a strong bond and understanding between you and your new dog. It also ensures you will have a well mannered and great ambassador on your hands. Who doesn't want that?



## Are you financially ready?

Pet insurance, food, nail trims, flea, tick, heart worm prevention, yearly physical, and vaccines. We recommend enrolling in pet insurance right away this way you will be prepared for any accidents that may happen and it will help with general health care expenses. Visit [www.GoPetPlan.com](http://www.GoPetPlan.com) or [www.Trupanion.com](http://www.Trupanion.com) for information about pet insurance.

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