

## ADOPTION PROCEDURES

Upon receipt of your completed adoption [application](#) and your \$8 donation (to help us with the expenses associated with reviewing your application), *Basset Rescue of Montana* volunteers:

1. Will call all three of your references;
2. Will call your veterinarian (your fourth reference);
3. After the Adoption Committee is satisfied with your references, and gives permission to proceed, we will make an appointment to visit you at *your* convenience. Our visit will generally include a walk of your fence line, and a discussion of any potential problems that we can remedy to help you make the adoption a successful one;
4. The “foster” family and Leslie Ames (*Basset Rescue of Montana’s* President, and the person most familiar with all the bassets) will then arrange a discussion, during which the adopter can get all his questions answered.

Taking these steps, *in this order*, have, over the years, proven to be extremely helpful in making an adoption successful. Further, our two week trial period has *always* worked out to be a positive step toward achieving the “forever home” everyone hopes for.

We DO realize this procedure seems a bit “over the top” -- after all, you *could* just go to a pet shop, or even to the Humane Society, and just buy or adopt a dog, on a whim, with little to no problem.

Quite possibly, the dog you bought on a whim, or adopted with very little forethought, will turn out to be *wrong* for you, and will end up in our, or a similar, rescue (or back at a Humane Society and perhaps eventually euthanized). And quite possibly, the dog you are now considering adopting from us is here because of that precise reason: s/he was bought on a whim and became unwanted! *Basset Rescue of Montana’s* mission: *to make sure that doesn’t happen to the dog twice!*

We thank you for understanding!