



Our Adoption Process

Thank you so much for your interest in one of our rescue dogs from Serbia. We have many beautiful Pointers and a few little ones that have been rescued in Serbia, all of which are looking for new homes.

Our process can be explained in various steps, laid out for you below.

Step 1) Our requirements 1 – 11

As a potential new owner, we look for those applicants who meet our requirements:

1. UK based only
2. We will accept applications for consideration from those who have personally owned (therefore have first-hand knowledge of the breed) a Hunt, Point, Retrieve (HPR) breed of Gundog. Those dogs in the HPR group are as follows:
 - German Shorthaired Pointer
 - English Pointer
 - German Wirehaired Pointer
 - Weimaraner
 - Hungarian Vizsla
 - Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla
 - Brittany
 - Munsterlander
 - Italian Spinone
 - Bracco Italiano
 - Korthals Griffon
 - Slovakian rough haired Pointer.

For our smaller specific breeds, the Pug and the Daschund, we also look for owners who have personally owned and therefore have first-hand knowledge of the breed.

3. We look for those who have owned a rescued dog, preferably one in the HPR group of dogs (see list above) To qualify for one of our rescues you must have experienced the patience, work and time that a rescue dog requires, which is very different to owning a dog from a puppy.
4. Able to offer the reassurance, one to one training, patience and dedication that it takes to settle and properly train a rescued dog.
5. Children living at the home must be 8 years or older please.
6. Able to provide your own secure, naturally grassed (not artificial) garden which must be attached to your home. Your garden must be safe and enclosed by 2 metre/6 foot secure fencing. For the security and safe keeping of our rescues, gardens that are communal or shared will NOT be considered.
7. We want our rescues to find homes in rural areas. Families based in city locations or heavily built-up areas will not be considered, we have our rescues best interest in mind.

8. We look for owners who are NOT in full time employment, preferably for those who are home based. For those who are working part time and shift workers, we will calculate the number days/hours spent away from the home environment. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis and at our discretion.
9. Preference will be given to those who already have an HPR type already in residence. We prefer our rescues to have company we will no longer home our rescues as single dogs, to those who don't have a dog at home already. Rescues thrive on company.
10. Able to evidence that their rescue will NOT spend more than 4 hours home alone.
11. We need those who are signed up to and are capable of communicating via Facebook AND are able to manage the running of a Facebook page. All POINTER Rescue Serbia communication is conducted using Facebook as our platform. Registered keepers will be expected to join and be a part of our Facebook Group, POINTER Rescue Serbia AND run the Facebook page for their adopted dog, updating the page each quarter, as a minimum.
12. Should you qualify via our Expression of Interest (EOI) and be successful with our home check process, you will be known as the potential registered keeper, will be required to sign a legally binding contract and will be bound by our terms and conditions. POINTER Rescue Serbia are legally supported by a UK canine attorney at law.

Step 2) The Expression of Interest (EOI) form

This is our form that has 38, well thought out questions, for you to answer. The completed form gives us an idea of the information we need when making an informed decision and **covers your:**

- Available time
- Breed experience
- Rescue experience
- Home life
- Work commitment (considering full time and part time hours)
- Lifestyle
- Security at your home and garden

3) The Home Check

A Home Check (HC), physical or virtual, will only be carried out after a successful EOI has been reviewed and confirmed.

Our aim is to ensure that your offer to adopt is suitable for our rescue Pointer. Once the check is completed, via our PRS home check form, we will let you know the results as quickly as possible; no one likes to be kept waiting or feeling anxious. The results of the HC visit will determine whether we offer you the opportunity to adopt or explain why we feel we cannot proceed with your application.

4) The POINTER Rescue Serbia (PRS) Contract

Our PRS contract is a six page legally binding detailed document. All signed contracts and copies of identification are carefully stored for data protection purposes, with our group owner, as an electronic copy.

POINTER Rescue Serbia reserve the right to return the deposit fee paid, to a provisional registered keeper, should there be an unresolvable conflict of interest.