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# POINTERS IN NEED

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## PRE ADOPTION FORM

**Thank you so** much for enquiring about and considering adopting a Pointer from us.

You are about to embark on a fulfilling and rewarding journey, that culminates in the saving of a life. That fact should not be understated, and your total commitment to this is truly welcomed and applauded.

Before we embark on that journey together, we would like to outline our terms of engagement. **Please take time to read, as the information contained on these first two pages is important for the whole adoption process.**

**Pointers In Need (the Charity)** – solely exists for the purpose of rescuing and finding forever homes for abandoned Pointers. We cannot operate without charging you a minimum donation for this service. The minimum donation requested is the only financial commitment we will ask from you in the respect the adoption process. Anything you would like to donate over and above the requested minimum donation would be greatly appreciated, and in doing so, you take comfort in the knowledge that you are helping even more needy Pointers and this stunning breed in general. Our minimum donations are shown on the penultimate page of this document.

We would like to stress from the outset that the adoption process will ultimately complete with you signing our Adoption Agreement (a copy of which can be found on the website, or we can send you one now). This will mean that the adopted dog(s) **remain in the Charity's name** for the rest of the dog's life. **This point is important to note, as it is not negotiable.**

UK bred Pointers requiring rehoming from within the UK are rare, but they do come up every now and again. (A good Pointer breeder will generally take their dog back in times of difficulty). Therefore, our Pointers will generally be sourced and rescued from mainland Europe. Many of these dogs will be ex hunting dogs that have been abandoned and/or abused for whatever reason. The lucky ones that are not hung, shot, or thrown over a cliff or down a well, are simply abandoned and left to their own devices – many sadly do not make it. The lucky ones that do manage to survive are generally picked up by rescue organisations, many dogs in a terrible state of health.

On average, it currently costs the **Charity** around £750-£1000 (depending on where the dog is actually located) to bring a dog into the UK. All dogs are imported under DEFRA rules and will fit to travel.

We cannot stress enough that a dog that has gone through the above can be physically and/or mentally scarred and possibly carrying some sort of injury. Furthermore many of the dogs will only ever lived outside: many more will have been nothing more than a 'tool of the trade' and thus treated like it by their master. Time and TLC is the key to adopting a Pointer, some take to the transition more easily/quicker than others. No two dogs are the same.

For those adopters who are new to the breed, and specifically those who are very inexperienced with dogs generally, we **strongly recommend** that you do your homework on the breed first. Find out as much as you can about the breed. Then add into the equation some form of trauma, and you will then have an idea of what you would possibly be taking on. All of the Rescue Team are experienced Pointer people and have personal experience of taking on rescues themselves. They will be more than happy to talk to you about Pointers in general and of their own experience of what to expect from rescuing, please just ask.

It is very important to give time to these Pointers. Committing to put aside a busy, challenging lifestyle to taking on a rescue is a prerequisite to the adoption agreement. If you cannot commit to this, then it probably is not the right time for you to adopt. It could take a week, a month, or even a year for these Pointers to fit happily into family life. Please therefore be **very honest with yourself** and ask how much time can you really give to a possible needy Pointer.

The following is a list of what we are looking for and expecting from an adopter:

- You will have to complete and return this pre-adoption questionnaire in full and agree to a home check. The home check will need to be passed. An adoption will not happen without these two steps.
- Once you can give us a commitment to take on a specific dog, the **donation must be paid in full**. We will not transport a dog until we have the donation. Please note that should the adoption not proceed for any reason; this donation will be refunded to you in full.
- You will have to be totally committed to the adoption.
- You will have to work at helping the dog transition from his past life to his new life – the **Charity** will be on hand with advice – note this applies not just to the adoption process, but for the rest of the dog's life.
- You will have to abide by any requirements that the **Charity** advises and must be implemented to accommodate the dog – this could be anything from making sure the dog is crated to changes to your garden to make it secure. Each dog will be different, requiring different needs. It is imperative that you adhere to all of the advice given; the Team will go through this in detail with you at the appropriate time.

You also need to be aware that it is not always possible for you to meet the dog you have chosen beforehand. Most of the dogs will be in foster outside of the UK and will only be transported to the UK when we have a definite home for them to go to. This is where this form and the Home Check is crucial in determining the suitability for both dog and adopter. If we do happen to have an available dog in foster here in the UK, then we can certainly arrange a meeting for you, but you will need to go to wherever that dog may currently be residing to visit (we have Fosters around the UK). The Team will let you know if a dog is available to meet.

We pride ourselves in finding the right dog/family combination and have almost a 100% success rate (successful adoptions v failed adoptions) so far.

Rest assured, the Team will be there every step of the way through this adoption process, and even after adoption, and are always available for help and advice at any time.

**If you cannot accept any of the above, then sadly, we will not be able to arrange an adoption for you. Some of these points may seem harsh or maybe a bit picky, but from experience they are required and necessary.**

If you are happy to proceed having read the above, let's start the journey together, and start by having this pre-adoption questionnaire completed. If you have any queries about what we have said above, or need clarity during completion of this form, or any general queries, please just ask.

#### **Form completion guidance notes:**

1. Please complete the form, using extra paper if necessary. Please provide fullest answers. It is important we have the complete picture of the family and where the dog is likely to be going..
2. When you have completed the form please scan a copy, attach it to an email and send it to: [info@pointersinneed.org.uk](mailto:info@pointersinneed.org.uk). If you can't scan and email, contact us and we will give you instructions of where to post.
3. By completing this form, you confirm that you will accept the ownership rules and all the conditions mentioned above. You also further confirm:
  - a. That any member of your household does not have a conviction (prior or pending), or is being investigated by any authority, regarding matters relating to neglect and/or abuse of any animal.
  - b. You and everyone in your household are willing to accept the responsibilities of adoption with the Charity, in accordance with the full terms and conditions set out in the Adoption Agreement.
  - c. You will have read and agreed to our "Data Protection & Privacy" policy. (Details on the last page of this application).

1. Have you already spoken to anyone at Pointers In Need?

YES  / NO

If "Yes", please confirm who/when:

1a. Are you talking or registered to/with any other dog rescue organisation?

If "Yes", please confirm who:

2. **About You** (please print clearly)

<b>Your full name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b> <small>please include your correct postcode</small>	
<b>Email address:</b> <small>please double check this is correct</small>	
<b>Landline:</b> <small>please include your area dialling code</small>	
<b>Mobile phone:</b>	

NB. Should your application proceed, and we move forward in bringing a dog into the UK for you, under DEFRA rules and guidelines, you will be asked to provide us with either your Passport Number or your National Insurance Number for identification purposes. We will not be able to proceed without this. This information will be kept securely and only used on the DEFRA application form.

2a. Please indicate your age bracket and employment status:

<i>Employment/age</i>	21-25	26-35	36-50	51-60	61-70	70+
Employed						
Self employed						
Retired						
Unemployed						
Student						

**2b. If you are employed, please give details of your normal hours / shifts worked:**

### **3. Your household**

**3a. Do other adults live in your household? Yes /No**

**If yes, provide details, and what role will they take in the care of the Pointer?**

**3b. Do children (under 18) live in the household? Yes/No**

**If yes, please tell us their ages and their experience with dogs:**

### **4. Your home and garden/outside**

**4a. Do you own or rent the property that you live in?**

*If rented, we will need confirmation that you have permission to keep a dog in the home*

**Owned:** Yes/No    **Rented** Yes/No

**4b. Please describe the property you live in:**

*For example, detached house, semi, flat, bungalow etc. Include proximity to main roads / rail lines / rivers / airfields / cliffs / quarries etc*

**4c. Garden and outdoor space:**

*Please include approx. size, whether private or communal, the height of boundary fences and walls, general security, is there a pond/stream etc.? (Photos would be useful)*

**Please note:** that it will be a requirement that your garden/outside space is fully secure from the outside world. Pointers can be excellent escapologists, and thus it will be a mandatory requirement that the area the dog will have daily access to be protected by at least a 5-6 foot wall/fence with no easy escape route. Bear in mind Pointers can dig also! Not only is this security a Charity requirement, but our Rescuers abroad have stipulated that this is paramount for any dog being rehomed by us. After all of the hard work they will have put into rescuing the dog in the first place, losing a dog through poor security controls reflects badly on the Charity.

**4d. Where will you walk/exercise your Pointer?**

Please include proximity to home and terrain, e.g. woodland, open fields, coastline etc.



**4e. Do you have any other dogs at home?    Yes/No**

**If yes, please tell us about them:**

Please include breed, age, whether neutered/spayed, behaviour/temperament with other dogs etc.

**4f. If you have any other pets/animals at home (inside or outside), please tell us about them:**

## 5. Your Dog Experience

5a. Please tick all that may apply:

- This will be my first dog
- I have trained dogs with challenging behaviour
- I have trained hunting breeds
- I would like a dog that is already trained
- I have obedience training skills
- I have owned/adopted a rescue dog before

6. **Your Pointer preferences:** Please tick appropriate boxes

	Puppy	Age 1 - 3	Age 4 - 6	Age 7 - 8	Age 9+
Dog					
Bitch					
Either					

6a. How important is it that your Pointer is:

	Housetrained	Ok with children	OK with other dogs	Ok with Cats	OK being left on it's own
Essential					
Quite Important					
Not Important					

Please tick one answer in each column

6b. How long would your Pointer be left home alone on a typical day? How often i.e. every day?

6c. Have you seen a Pointer on our website/FB page that you are interested in adopting?

Yes /No

If yes please state name(s)

**6d. When would you ideally like, or you would be able, to adopt a Pointer?**

**6e. Please tell us about any big events coming up, such as a new job or house, or having a baby:**

**6f. Do you have any ongoing / longer term medical condition that could potentially impact in any way, the demands and needs of caring for a rescue Pointer, bearing in mind the information we have outlined to you in the "initial advice" document that accompanies this form? Please tell us of anything that could be relevant in this respect.**



**6g. Is there anything else you would like us to consider in support of your application?**

*Please state here and continue on a separate piece of paper if needed*

## 7. Your Expectations

You have provided us with details of your home, family and what you are ideally looking for in a dog. This next section requires you to provide us with your expectations about rescuing a Pointer from us. Please provide as much detail as possible to each question in order for us to complete our evaluation.

7.1 What has prompted you to rescue a Pointer at this time? And why a Pointer?



7.2 What would you be expecting and hoping the dog to be like the first night, the first week, the first few months?

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**7.3 What do you believe you will have to put into helping transition the dog into family life, with emphasis on your time and commitment, and what do you hope the ultimate outcome will be?**



**7.4 What are you expecting the dog to be like when a) you take the dog out (on lead/off lead)? b) It's exercise demands? Please consider these points from early days to 1 year later.**

**7.5 Are there any questions you would like to ask at this stage about taking on a rescue?**

To have reached this stage in the application, we assume you would be in agreement for a Home Check to be carried out to ascertain suitability. An adoption cannot proceed without this process being carried out and being passed. If you do not wish to proceed, please let us know and do not sign and return the form.

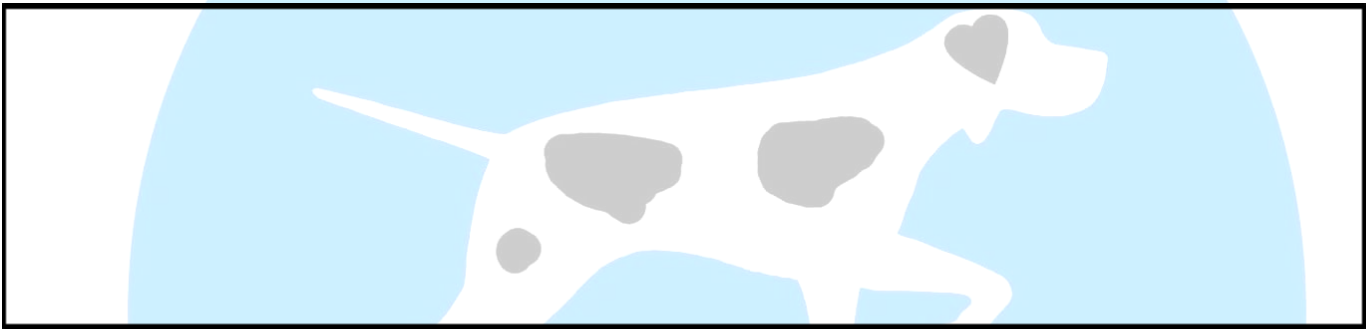
Date form submitted to Pointers In Need:

Declaration:

I confirm that all the information supplied above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I have not withheld any information that could otherwise jeopardise any potential adoption.

*(If you are unsure of any information that you feel may be relevant, then please ensure you disclose it.)*

Enquirer's Signature:



Thank you for your interest in potentially adopting from Pointers In Need.

A member of our Team will be in touch with you very soon  
to discuss next steps.

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## The Minimum Donations

These are applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024:

Rescue from within UK (UK bred Pointers)	Rescue from Spain	Rescue from Greece	Rescue from Cyprus	Rescue from all other locations
<b>£475</b>	<b>£950</b>	<b>£1000</b>	<b>£850</b>	<b>POA</b>
	Inclusive of all necessary blood tests...	There is an additional courier charge. Price tbc.		

We wish to be as transparent as we can on our rescuing costs. The minimum donations shown above include the cost of Vets fees inc spay/castration, full blood works, microchipping / rabies vaccine / passport / tick and worming; release fee from the council run pounds, fostering costs, Government IPAFFS (tax), and transportation.

If there are any unexpected changes to our normal costs incurred, we will let you know as soon as we can. By way of example, if the dog has to go into private boarding, there could be an extra €100 approx per month.

The adoption team will gladly go through the costs with you.

### Supplementary notes:

1. If you adopt more than 1 dog at a time in one transaction, then we can look at adjusting the minimum donation.
2. The minimum donation is not generally negotiable, but we “may” consider special arrangements in certain circumstances. We will advise you should this be the case.
3. For delivery to addresses in Scotland via road, we regret having to request an additional £50 charge to cover the increased transport costs. (Unless the dog is already in, and is being rehomed, in Scotland)
4. There is no reimbursement of the minimum donation after 6 months from the date of signing the adoption papers.
5. Sensitive Personal Data: Proof of ID i.e. passport or driving licence is required on reserving a Pointer. This will be on file and passed to the relative authorities, DEFRA for TRACES/CHAD re Transport and Municipality Vets re Microchipping. All Data is held under the Data Protection and Privacy Policy.

## So how do I actually pay you?

**PayPal** is our preferred option using the “friends and family” option to [info@pointersinneed.org.uk](mailto:info@pointersinneed.org.uk)

For payment via BACS: Lloyds Bank: Pointers In Need sort code: **30-98-90** account no: **15706968**

**And finally**.....If you have any queries or questions about this form, the home check, adopting, the process, the aftercare, or just Pointers in general, please just ask us. We will be more than happy to answer your questions, and openly welcome any questions in order to make the adoption as smooth and rewarding for you and your new four-legged friend. Our best contact: [info@pointersinneed.org.uk](mailto:info@pointersinneed.org.uk)

## Privacy & Data Protection Notice:

### 1. Data Protection

**Pointers In Need (The Charity)** are committed to protecting and respecting Your privacy in accordance with the current Data Protection Legislation. Below is a summary of the main ways in which we process Your personal data.

### 2. How We Use & Disclose Your Personal Data and Who We Share it With

The Charity may use any personal data we hold about You for the purposes of adopting or fostering dogs. During the adoption/fostering process, we may need to share information to third-parties to facilitate the completion of the adoption/foster from the dog's current location to your home. This may necessitate the use of your personal data, particularly in relation to the transport, border control, animal passporting, veterinary services, and DEFRA regulatory requirements, and also to arrange any appropriate free insurance cover for the dog, and any other UK regulatory authority we may be obliged to comply with.

### 3. Sensitive Personal Data

Some of the personal information, such as the proof of your identity we may have asked for during the adoption/fostering process, may be required by The Charity for the specific purposes of fulfilling the adoption/fostering process. The provision of such data is conditional for The Charity to be able to complete the adoption/foster.

### 4. Your Rights

You have the right to see a copy of the personal information The Charity hold about You, to have Your data deleted, to have any inaccurate or misleading data corrected, or deleted. You may ask The Charity to provide a copy of Your data to and to lodge a complaint with the local data protection authority if necessary.

### 5. Retention

Your data will not be retained for longer than is absolutely necessary. In most cases the retention period will be for the period the animal remains alive and in your care. If You have a concern about the way The Charity have handled Your personal data, then You have the right to report this to the Information Commissioner's Office.



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