



## HELPLINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DETAILS DOG PLACEMENT

The Helpline volunteers are animal welfare professionals who donate their time to helping pets in need. Their assistance is free of charge, and we do gratefully accept donations. **While we do not have a shelter at this time, and cannot take your dog, we have been very successful in placing pets directly from your home into new homes.** To sign up for this program, contact the Helpline at 860-242-9999

The following is a synopsis of what Our Companions can offer through our Helpline Program:

- We evaluate your dog in order to gain information needed for a proper placement, and to advertise the dog correctly
- We advertise your dog on Petfinder, Newspaper, Radio, TV, Magazines, email and posters
- We hold weekly Petco Gigs and Quarterly Adoption Events that your dog could be featured at
- You can do your own advertisements; it is suggested that you let us screen the applicants
- Good pictures are imperative. You can help us by sending us photos showing a clear picture of the animal using a contrasting background. Take the time to get a calm, relaxed photo that does not present the pet as aggressive or scared.

Our screening for new adopters includes:

- Vet Check
- Personal References
- Home Check
- Dog/Dog introductions
- Help with getting the dog settled in
- Training classes and behavioral support before and after the adoption
- Post adoption checks

Once an adopter is found, a contract will be drafted between you and the new adopter. Should the adoption fail, we require one party to pledge that they will house the dog until a new adopter can be found. You should expect to allow the new adopter 2 weeks to allow the dog to settle in before finalizing the adoption. A donation to Our Companions is appreciated once the adoption is finalized.

**NOTE THAT ROUTINE VET CARE, VACCINATIONS, HEARTWORM TESTS, AND PREVENTATIVES ARE EXPECTED TO BE UP TO DATE WHILE WE SEARCH FOR A NEW HOME, OR THE ADOPTION PROCESS MAY BE STOPPED UNTIL WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDED PROOF THAT THE PET HAS SEEN A LICENSED VETERINARIAN**

Your Helpline Counselor is: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_, Fax: 860-394-4030

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: Our Companions Domestic Animal Sanctuary PO Box 673 Bloomfield, CT 06002  
(please put to the attention of your Helpline Counselor on the envelope or FAX)