

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

Please take the time to read through this list for answers to our most commonly asked questions before leaving a comment on a post or sending us a message. Due to high volumes of questions and the fact that we are a volunteer run rescue, we may not have the time to answer each question individually, and most of your questions may already be answered here.

Q: I really want that dog you just posted on Facebook, how do I apply?

A: If that dog is available for adoption the Facebook post will read “*****ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for XXXXXX*****” and they will be listed on our website here <https://www.eastcoastcorgirescue.org/available-for-adoption> . In the adoption post we will have a link that will take you to an online form where you can apply. Please refrain from reaching out to us about when a dog is going to be ready for adoption, we are extremely engrossed with day-to-day operations of the rescue and our personal lives outside of it, and do not have time to respond to every single inquiry. Sending us personal inquiries, whether it be in comment, email or personal message stating your case about why you deserve the dog will have no effect on whether or not you get the dog. Excessive inquiries will be ignored. *When a dog is ready for adoption it will be listed on our website and it will have a post on our facebook with a heading saying we are accepting applications, until that happens, the dog is not available.*

Q: To what states will you place dogs for adoption?

A: We can only cover as much as our available time, experience and volunteer network allows, so we are only able to adopt to DC, MD, VA, PA, DE, or NJ. All of our volunteers have full time lives outside of the rescue, so to ensure none of this becomes disruptive to our personal lives and livelihoods, we only place in states where an ECCR team member is based, or within a reasonable distance to. In special cases, such as a dog with medical needs that require owners with relevant experience, where we are unable to find a home in those states, we will consider other surrounding states. If those special cases come up, we will make a dedicated post about it on social media.

We also will occasionally do courtesy posts for dogs that are available outside of the rescue in other areas, you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram and keep an eye out for posts from us that say they are a courtesy post.

Q: I live right next to one of the states where you place dogs, can I adopt from you?

A: No, and we'd like to leave it at no, because these are our rules. We are all volunteers, we work full time, we all have families and our own pets and we spend the equivalent of a full time job's worth of time working on this rescue. We have to have a geographic area, and we have to make a geographic limit, otherwise it will never end because someone is always going to be on

the border of our adoption area. The truth of the matter is, that we have more than plenty of qualified adopters in the area we are serving and we don't need to overextend ourselves to find good homes for the dogs in our care. If you are outside of our adoption area, we suggest you search google and facebook for your local rescues, corgi clubs and shelters.

Q: I'm willing to drive to pick up the corgi.

A: Still no. People are always willing to drive to pick up a corgi, then if it doesn't work out they don't have the same enthusiasm to drive 10 hours to drop the corgi back off to us.

If you are out of our area and after reading the above three questions, you still want to make your plea for us to break the rules and adopt to you, **we won't.**

Q: How much does it cost? Do you have any corgis for sale? How much are adoption fees?

A: First off, we are not in the business of selling dogs. We take in surrendered corgis and corgi mixes and we observe and vet them, then we match them to the family that would be best suited to the specific corgi's needs.

When it comes time to adopt a corgi to a suitable home, the adoption fees range from \$250 - \$600 depending on age and medical background/vetting. East Coast Corgi Rescue is ran by volunteers, and none of us get paid to do this. 100% of adoption fees and donations go to offset the cost of us caring for, vetting, and getting these dogs into an adoptable condition. Because of all this we do not offer payment plans or discounts.

Q: Corgi puppies are so cute! Can I have a puppy? Do you have any puppies? I'd really like to get a puppy for christmas, do you have any?

A: If you're here looking for a cheap alternative to a breeder to get a puppy, you're in the wrong place. We rarely, if ever, have puppies surrendered to the rescue. Most of the young dogs we do take in are completely untrained and may have nipping, biting, housebreaking or other health issues, either because their needs couldn't be met or because they were bred for the wrong reasons.

Corgi puppies are cute, we wholeheartedly agree. If you are looking for a puppy, we would encourage you first to do your own research on the breed. Please understand that corgis are not an "easy dog". They are an extremely intelligent and independent breed, they need lots of mental stimulation, and are best suited to homes where they can have some sort of job. Bored corgis will destroy things, herd small animals and children and develop behavioral issues if their needs are not met. Corgis are also well known for barking, they shed 12 months out of the year, and are prone to genetic defects that can develop into serious medical issues if they are bred improperly.

If you have done your due diligence and think that your home would be a good fit for a corgi puppy then reach out to your local corgi club and find their list of reputable breeders. We do not shun breeders if they are breeding for the right reasons. We love good breeders, and without them, no one would get to share their home and heart with these wonderful dogs. We do not support backyard breeders and puppy mills who don't test their animals for genetic diseases, over breed, and keep their animals in horrid conditions just to make a quick buck.

Q: I have small children, is that ok?

A: We don't adopt to families with children under 5 unless they have excessive corgi experience, and we get a perfect proven-to-be-child-loving corgi. (Corgis love to herd kids, but we all know little kids don't love being herded as much!) If you are familiar with rescue, you know that we rarely-to-never get perfect dogs. The vast majority of the dogs we take in are ones that have medical or behavioral issues and they need to be around humans that understand them and their needs. We know that there are corgis out there that have grown up with, and are wonderful around small children, but that is a rarity for the corgis that come to us. One of the most common reasons for surrender is that the dog is herding or nipping at small children in the home.

Q: I want to put in an application to adopt, what is the process?

A: Starting in May 2019, we will make individual posts on our Facebook page for each available dog. If you are interested in a specific dog, please look for postings headed “*****ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for XXXXXX*****” or go to our adoption page on our website <https://www.eastcoastcorgirescue.org/available-for-adoption> to find links to the posts. If a dog is not listed on our website, then it is not yet available for adoption. Each post will have information about what the dog is looking for in a home and links to all previous information about the dog. Please read all of the information carefully before applying for a dog.

Please note that all adoptable dogs will first be offered to our last adoption pool from before the process switch, until the pool is emptied.

If we choose you for a dog, we will contact you and arrange a meeting and trial adoption period if needed. If everything goes well, after a little paperwork and the adoption fee, you're officially an ECCR Rescue parent! Once we place a dog with you, we don't go away, you're stuck with us for life! We are available for help and advice during the adjustment period and beyond, and we love receiving updates about our rescues to share with the community!

Please understand that we are a small group of volunteers, so due to high volumes of applications we will not have time to reach out to every single applicant. We will always post to social media when a dog is no longer available and has found a home, so please refrain from sending us emails asking about your application status. We are not selling a product, we are not here to

serve you. Our 100% top priority is to find the best homes for the dogs. Any time spent responding to unnecessary messages is time you could be taking away from rescuing a dog.

Q: I have applied with you in the past, do I have to fill out an adoption application again?

A: Applicants from previous adoption pools should have received and responded to an email in May 2019 if we are holding onto your application for first consideration on new intakes. If you did not receive an email from us stating that you are in our adoption pool then you are free to apply again for the dogs of your choosing.

Q: What can I do to let you know I am interested in a specific dog if I already have an application in?

A: Please check the question before this one to make sure that we are still holding onto your application. If you are in our adoption pool and feel like we may have overlooked something or have had a situation change and find you are interested in a dog we posted, please reach out to us. You are not required to fill out a new application for each dog. However, please make sure you read the entire post about the dog before sending us a message. Sometimes we have already decided on a potential adopter when we make a post about a dog, or we are looking for someone specific for the dog and we will note that in the post. If you don't see anything citing otherwise, feel free to reach out to us and comment on the post or send us a message or email showing your interest. Interest does not guarantee that you are the best option for the dog, but we will review your information. If you put in an application and need to update us to change or withdraw it, please reach out and we will update our records.

Q: I'm not able to adopt a dog at this time, but want to help out with fostering or transporting, where do I sign up?

A: Our fosters and transporters are one of the most important parts of our rescue and are the reason why we are able to help as many dogs as we do, thank you for wanting to be a part of our team! We are always in need of transporters and qualified fosters. If you have the free time and would love to transport or have the time and herding breed experience to open your heart and home to fostering, then please fill out an application on our website.

<https://www.eastcoastcorgirescue.org/foster>

Please be advised: As with adoption applications, we may not accept your foster application if you are: out of our fostering area (exceptions are made for emergency situations) or if you have children under 5 in the home. If you are familiar with rescue, you know that we rarely-to-never get perfect dogs. The vast majority of the dogs we take in are ones that have medical or behavioral issues and they need to be around humans that understand them and their needs. We

know that there are corgis out there that have grown up with, and are wonderful around small children, but that is a rarity for the corgis that come to us. One of the most common reasons for surrender is that the dog is herding or nipping at small children in the home. Also, because of potential problems that could come up while fostering, we like our fosters to be close to our existing network in case a dog needs to be moved elsewhere.

Q: I cannot adopt, foster, or transport at this time, but want to volunteer to help with events. How can I do that?

A: Thank you for wanting to donate your time to us! Please fill out the foster/transport application on our website and indicate in the first text box that you are interested in volunteering for events (<https://www.eastcoastcorgirescue.org/foster>). We will send you an invite to our volunteer group which will post updates when we need help with events.

Q: I love the breed and would like to help out by donating. How can I do that?

A: We appreciate you so much! We are a 100% volunteer run rescue, and we do not take salaries. Many of us are working full time jobs and have full time families or other commitments and we give all our extra time, money and effort for the love of these dogs. Rest assured 100% of your donations go to vetting and rehoming the dogs we rescue. There are many ways to donate:

On our main website you can find a donate button below the top right corner (<https://www.eastcoastcorgirescue.org/>).

If you follow our facebook page, from time to time we will make posts for fundraisers for specific dogs or fundraisers selling items from other websites. Hit the donate button on posts or follow the instructions on the posts to donate. You can also create your own fundraiser for us through facebook at any time, but the most popular way is to do it on your birthday.

Also if you shop on Amazon.com you can participate in their Amazon Smile program (smile.amazon.com). For every purchase you make through Amazon, they will donate a small % to ECCR automatically at no cost to you!

All you need to do to set this up is go to (smile.amazon.com) and look up East Coast Corgi Rescue. Select East Coast Corgi Rescue as your charity choice and then you're all set! For us to get a donation from your purchases just go to smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com (Amazon logo on the page should have Smile next to it and you will see the choice of charity next to it) and shop as usual! At no cost to you, Amazon will donate % of your shopping total to ECCR!

Q: I want to meet a specific dog, where are you located?

A: While many of the board members are based in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, we do not have a physical boarding location. We have a network of board members and fosters spread out in the DC, MD, VA, PA, DE, NJ areas. For the safety and privacy of our volunteers, we do not share the locations of dogs in our care. If you have filled out an application and are selected for a dog, we will help to arrange transport to get that dog to you.

Q: You don't adopt to my state, can you recommend an organization that does?

A: If you are in NC, SC or GA we highly recommend our friends at Southeast Corgi Rescue (<https://www.facebook.com/southeastcorgirescue/>). If you're near Oklahoma then check out the wonderful Celtic Corgi Rescue (<https://www.facebook.com/CelticCorgiRescue/>). If you live in Kansas or a surrounding state, try (<https://www.facebook.com/Corgi-Connection-of-Kansas-275120539188626/>). In Texas we recommend (<https://www.facebook.com/WyomingDachshundandCorgiRescue/>) somewhere else, or have tried either of the other rescues without luck then we recommend first looking up your local area corgi club. They sometimes handle rehoming and can usually recommend rescues in their area. You can also type "corgi rescue (your state)" into the facebook search bar or Google search to find rescues in your state.

Q: I don't have dog or corgi experience, why won't you allow me to adopt a dog from ECCR?

A: Corgis in rescue usually carry some baggage with them, such as destructiveness, nippiness, health issues, not being trained or housebroken, or were just in the wrong environment and now need a more stable one. Corgis may be cute and a great size dog, but they are a working dog and require a job. Corgis are not for the novice dog owner. They require a quick wit and a strong leader. A lot of corgis that end up in rescue are there because the owner had no experience with the breed and could not anticipate and meet their needs. We are acting in the best interest of the dogs, we want these dogs to go to their new homes forever and are actively trying to avoid having rebound cases.

All this being said, just because you've never owned a corgi, does not mean we will count you out. We also consider people who have had corgi mixes or herding breeds/herding breed mixes like Australian Cattle Dogs, Australian Shepherds, Border Collies, Collies, German Shepherds, Shetland Sheepdogs, Swedish Vallhunds and Rottweilers. We find that people who have had these breeds in the past have the understanding and skill needed to provide our rescues with the best chance at their best life.

Q: I really want to rescue a corgi and I don't like breeders, but I don't have corgi or herding dog experience. What can I do to get more corgi experience to rescue from you?

A: Look, we know your heart is in the right place and we respect that you have made the decision to consider rescue. But even healthy, well trained corgis already require a high level of experience and understanding to thrive. The dogs we take in have backgrounds ranging from untrained puppies that were brought home on a whim and the owner just didn't have time, to dogs that have experienced things that are worse than we can ever imagine. They can't tell us what happened to them in the past, but almost all of them have some sort of issues from it in a range of severity. We are trying to find the best of the best homes in which to place them because that is what they deserve, and that is what we feel we owe them. Because of the experience needed to handle corgis at a base level, we choose to place dogs in homes with experienced owners. We know that you don't want to hear this, but you must come to terms with the fact that this may not be you right now. You might not be the right person for a rescue corgi.

There is no intensive short term class that is going to teach you everything that you need to know to care about a corgi or reward you with a certificate that you can present to us saying you are fit to raise a corgi. Everything we know about corgis, herding dogs and other smart breeds comes from our experience with them. We encourage you to do your due diligence and research the breed and talk to people who have shared their lives with a corgi. Ask them about training, housebreaking, vet bills and expenses, and issues they've had. Then really take a look at your life and be honest with yourself about whether or not you can provide the right environment and put in the work to take in this amazing, but difficult breed, and have it thrive.

Please don't be discouraged if a rescue corgi is not right for your lifestyle right now. Don't let it turn you away from adopting a rescue a dog! Maybe a corgi isn't the right kinda dog for your home, but there are so many dogs out there that are just as cute and just as in need loving homes that may be best placed with you! We wish you well on your search for the perfect dog!

A note on breeders We have our hearts set in rescue for the love of this breed because we think all the dogs deserve happy lives, but we are not against and do support responsible breeders. Please know that there are responsible breeders out there that care about this adorable breed just like us. Their intent is to preserve the breed. They do health testings, check temperament of sire/dam that breed, provide veterinary care for puppies as well as the clean environment to grow up, and care about where their puppies go and want to follow up in the future. They are happy to show you the results of genetic tests, show the family lines, and usually have the buyer sign the contract saying that if the buyer cannot take care of the dog for any reasons in the future, they take the dog back (and they really do). There are so many backyard breeders and puppy mills that need to be avoided and not support. All we are asking if you are deciding to go to that route, is please do your research on the breed and so you can distinguish good breeders from bad breeders. Here are some pages that will help you get to the starting point of the right breeder search:

<http://pwcca.org/about-pembrokes/buying-a-pembroke/>
<http://www.pwccp.org/> (The corgi club in our area)
http://www.gaitwaycorgis.com/rep_breeder_info.html
<https://blog.corgithings.com/2018/03/07/corgis-101-finding-responsible-breeder/>
<https://emwng.com/corgi-puppy-buying-guide/>
<https://www.tibbythecorgi.com/blogs/tibby/finding-a-responsible-corgi-breeder-part-1>
<http://www.ukcorgiclub.com/getting-a-puppy/questions-to-ask-the-breeder/>
<http://www.wendtworthcorgis.com/frequently-asked-questions.html> (she's very outspoken and resourceful. A good example of how a responsible breeder can be selective.)

Q: I have just received info about a corgi in need, can you help?

A: If you wish to send information to us about a dog in need of rescue please visit the surrender page on our website: <https://www.eastcoastcorgirescue.org/surrendering-a-corgi> there you will find contact information, and instructions on what info you need to send to us.

Q: I want to surrender a dog, what do I do?

A: First, thank you for considering surrendering your dog with us. Oftentimes, even if the dog is a purebred, when they are brought to shelters they are at high risk for euthanasia. We are not here to shame, nor do we encourage people to belittle the people who surrender their dogs to us, no matter the reason. We understand that life happens to all of us and sometimes we have to choose to do things that are hard but are in the best interest of our pets.

If you wish to send a request to surrender a dog to us please visit the surrender page on our website: <https://www.eastcoastcorgirescue.org/surrendering-a-corgi> there you will find contact information, and instructions on what info you need to send to us. If we cannot personally take your dog, we will do our best to help you figure out options for what you can do.

Q: Do you spay and neuter all of your rescues?

A: Generally no dog leaves our fosters with intact reproductive organs, or without an agreement to do so when the dog is old enough. There are very few exceptions to this. Also, we will not place one of our dogs in a home where there is an intact male or unspayed female dog.

We encourage every dog owner to spay and neuter their pets. Not fixing your dog can lead to more than just unwanted dog litters, it can also lead to disease and death. We promise your male dog does not care if he is missing his testicles. The old idea that a female dog should have one litter of puppies before being fixed is a myth. If you are concerned about growth, attitude or medical issues from waiting, or not waiting to fix your dog, then please consult your

veterinarian. If you want to learn more about fixing your pet, please check out this ASPCA link:
<https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/spayneuter-your-pet>