



## Pug Rescue of San Diego County

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**Thank you** for your interest in adopting a Pug from Pug Rescue of San Diego County.

We are a non-profit, all-volunteer organization. Our mission is to find the best home possible for each Pug that comes our way, while also considering the needs of each prospective new owner. All adoption fees, donations or other income is applied entirely to the care, medical costs, and other needs incurred by the Pugs we rescue.

Pug Rescue holds several events throughout the year, including the St. PUGtrick's Day party in March, a Halloween party in October (with prizes for the best Pug costumes), an annual Christmas party, and our biggest fundraiser of the year, the annual Pug Party on the first Saturday in May, held at the beautiful Del Mar Fairgrounds. 2011 marks Pug Rescue's **20th year** of service to these precious little animals.

### **About adoption:**

As a rescue organization, we rarely get puppies. Our Pugs usually range from 2 to 10 years. Pugs commonly have a lifespan of approximately 16 years. Pugs sometimes come to us from shelters, but most often from owners facing a move, divorce, lost employment, birth of a baby, stress, illness, pets not being allowed by CCRs/landlords, and many other reasons. When a Pug (or any pet) is uprooted from the family or person he/she has been used to being with, it naturally causes stress to the animal. Our aim is, to the best of our ability, to ensure the dog won't face another such situation. Therefore, **nothing less than a firmly committed owner will do.**

Most importantly, before you get a Pug, be sure that you can fulfill the Pug's need for companionship, love, attention and medical care. People who are rarely home are not good candidates for this breed. Pugs need human contact. Pugs are **indoor** dogs. Therefore, unless you can keep your Pug inside, or offer a doggie door for outside access when it's potty time, you might consider a different breed. Rescued Pugs might need a brush-up on potty training as they become accustomed to their new environment. They *want* to please you, but it is up to you to show them, patiently, what you want them to do. Establishing a routine is essential, and cannot be over-emphasized. We will make every attempt to assist you with a housebreaking issue. If you do happen to get a puppy, remember that they are full of life, playful, rambunctious and mischievous. Training them takes time. Usually puppies are best matched with someone who can keep up with them and has the energy and ability to do so.

To avoid disappointment and prevent having to give up a Pug you have adopted, **anyone renting must submit a letter from their landlord giving the landlord's phone number, and a statement from the landlord regarding acceptance of pets on the property.** If you own / rent property which is overseen by a Homeowners' Association (or similar governing group), **you must submit a copy of the CCRs which describes requirements for pets, and the name and number of the Homeowners' Association. Please obtain this information before filling out the adoption application, and be sure to have a copy available as soon as possible so it is ready when we need it.**

If you feel you have a quality situation and a loving home to offer a little Pug, we invite you to submit an Adoption Application. As soon as possible after receipt of your application, a volunteer will call you to schedule a housecheck. Upon successful completion of the housecheck, you will be ready to welcome a new member to your family !