



Research Beagle Information

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To Whom It May Concern:

The following are guidelines and advice on acquiring a beagle that has been raised in an institutional setting:

The dogs are surgically de-barked while under general anesthesia by the breeder. This means that the dogs will have a hoarse sound when they bark. This is not uncomfortable to the dogs and requires no medical treatment.

The dogs are usually fed dry dog food and the specific dog food utilized is not available for general purchase. Introduction to different diet can sometimes result in gastrointestinal upsets (e.g., diarrhea). It is suggested that dogs be placed on dry dog chow and any changes in diet (e.g., wet food, table scraps, or treats) be gradually introduced.

The dogs have been raised and maintained in indoor kennel runs and are not familiar with the outside world. They will not be familiar with grass, open sky, birds, cats, cars, trash, squeaky toys, and many other items. In addition, they having not experienced collars or leashes and may lay down when you first try to walk them (much like a new puppy). Patience and gradual introduction of all these new experiences will overcome any initial fear that the animal may evidence. Especially during holidays, puppy proofing the environment (e.g. removing small items that may choke the animals, keeping electrical cords out of chewing range, restricting the animal to parts of the house away from the Christmas tree, etc) is advised. Due to the dogs being raised in kennel runs, they will also not be house-trained.

Dogs may not be very playful at first but will acclimate over time as they gain experience and confidence in their new surroundings. Once again, patience, encouragement and gradual introduction of unique experiences will help them in their acclimation. As with all dogs, positive reinforcement usually yields better results than physical corrections.

The dogs have never been called by a specific name, so training to their new name will take time and patience.

Our organization will seek adopters that have another dog already at home or a stay-at-home person or a family member with a flexible schedule. We believe that with placement with another dog, the research dog will learn and adapt quicker to its environment. As a child learns from their siblings, we believe this will be the case with a dog.

We wish you a happy and successful adoption search and hope that you and your new found dog have many years of happy companionship ahead!

Sincerely,
NCARF Volunteers