



ADOPTION PROCESS

If you are going to adopt a dog or a puppy from the shelter, please read these guidelines. By following these simple rules you give the dog the best chance possible in terms of survival, primarily against distemper.

- If you live in a complex, please ensure you have permission from the complex manager to bring a dog onto the site.
- If you live in a detached villa on your own land, you must present your tapu to the appropriate authority. CoDA can assist with this.
- Ideally, there should be no other dogs in the household or any visiting dogs for the first month. If you do have other dogs, none of the dogs should be walked outside during the quarantine period.
- You must not walk your dog where other dogs have walked. So realistically do not take your dog out in public for the duration of the quarantine (4 – 6 weeks).
- If you have been out, change your footwear upon entering your dog's space.
- If you have been interacting with other dogs, please wash your hands and remove outer clothing before fussing your dog.
- Clean your dog's space daily with bleach.
- Before your dog is vaccinated, we would advise that no time should be spent at the shelter.
- Check with your vet about when your dog should be vaccinated. All circumstances are different. Please remember that your pup's immune system may already be fighting the disease. If you vaccinate, you are effectively giving the dog an additional dose of the virus. This may be too much for the immune system and could kill your dog. The vet will give you the best possible advise.
- We would also advise that you carry your dog into the vet clinic and keep them off the floor as infected dogs may be in the waiting area.

REMEMEBER: EVEN A VACCINATED DOG CAN CARRY THE DISEASE.

ISOLATION/ QUARANTINE IS THE KEY.