



POINTERS IN NEED

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PRE ADOPTION FORM

Thank you so much for enquiring about, and considering adopting a Pointer from us.

You are about to embark on a fulfilling and rewarding journey, that culminates in the saving of a life. That fact should not be understated, and your total commitment to this is truly welcomed and applauded.

Before we embark on that journey together, we would like to outline our terms of engagement. **Please take time to read, as the information contained on these first two pages is important for the whole adoption process.**

Primarily, Pointers In Need (PIN) is a “Not-for-Profit” Organisation – we solely exist for the purpose of rescuing and finding forever homes for abandoned Pointers. We cannot operate without charging you an adoption fee for this service. The adoption fee requested is the only financial commitment we will ask from you in the respect the adoption process. Anything you would like to donate over and above the requested fee would be greatly appreciated, and in doing so, you take comfort in the knowledge that you are helping this stunning breed. Our adoption fee table is on the penultimate page of this form.

We would like to stress from the outset that the adoption process will ultimately complete with you signing our Adoption Agreement (a copy of which can be found on the website, or we can send you one now). This means that the adopted dog(s) **remain(s) in Pointers In Need’s name** for the rest of the dog’s life. **This point is important to note, as it is not negotiable.**

Pointers requiring rehoming from within the UK are rare, but they do come up every now and again, but their original Breeder will generally take them back. Therefore, our Pointers will generally be sourced and rescued from mainland Europe. Many of these dogs will be ex hunting dogs that have been abandoned and/or abused for whatever reason. The lucky ones that are not hung, shot or thrown over a cliff or down a well, are simply abandoned and left to their own devices – many sadly do not make it. The lucky ones that do manage to survive are generally picked up by rescue organisations, many in a terrible state of health.

On average, it currently costs PIN around £750 (depending on where the dog is located) to bring a dog into the UK. All dogs are imported under DEFRA rules.

We cannot stress more that taking on a dog that has gone through the above, will undoubtedly be physically and/or mentally scarred, and possibly even carrying some sort of injury. Furthermore, many of the dogs will have only ever lived outside; many will have been nothing more than a “*tool of the trade*” and thus treated like it by their master. Time and TLC is the key to adopting a Pointer, some take to the transition easier/quicker than others.

For those adopters who would be new to the breed, and specifically those who are very inexperienced with dogs generally, we **strongly recommend** that you do your homework on the breed first. Find out as much as you can about the breed. Then add in to the equation some form of trauma, and you will then have an idea of what you would possibly be taking on. All of the PIN team are experienced Pointer people and have personal experience of taking on rescues themselves. They will be more than happy to talk to you about Pointers in general and of their own experience of what to expect from rescuing, please just ask.

It is very important to give time to these Pointers. Your ability to put aside busy schedules/chaotic living and commit to taking on a rescue is a pre-requisite to the adoption agreement. If you cannot commit to this, then it probably is not the right time for you



to adopt. It could take a week, a month, or even a year for these Pointers to fit into family life. Please therefore be **very honest with yourself**, and ask how much time can you really give to a Pointer who may be needy?

The following is a list of what we are looking for and expecting from an adopter:

- You will have to complete and return this pre-adoption questionnaire in full, and agree to a home check. The home check will need to be passed. An adoption will not happen without these two steps.
- Once you are in a position to give us a commitment to take on a specific dog, the **adoption fee must be paid in full**. We will not transport a dog until we have the fee. Please note that should the adoption not proceed for any reason, this fee will be refunded to you in full.
- You will have to be totally committed to the adoption.
- You will have to work at helping the dog transition from his past life to his new life – PIN will be on hand with advice.
- You will have to abide by any requirements, where necessary, that PIN advise must be implemented to accommodate the dog – this could be anything from making sure the dog is crated to changes necessary to your garden to make it secure. Each dog will be different, requiring different needs. It is imperative that you adhere to all of the advice given; the team will go through this in detail with you at the appropriate time.
- You sign the Adoption Agreement

You also need to be aware that it is not always possible for you to meet the dog you have chosen beforehand. The majority of the dogs will be in foster outside of the UK and will only be transported to the UK when we have a definite home for them to go to. This is where this form and the Home Check is crucial in determining the suitability for both dog and adopter. If we do happen to have an available dog in foster here in the UK, then we can certainly arrange a meeting for you, but you will need to go to wherever that dog may currently be residing to visit. The Team will let you know if a dog is available to meet.

We pride ourselves in finding the right dog/family combination, and have almost a 100% success rate (successful adoptions v failed adoptions) so far.

Rest assured, the PIN team will be there every step of the way through this adoption process, and even after adoption, and are always available for help and advice at any time.

If you cannot accept any of the above, then sadly, we will not be able to arrange an adoption for you. Some of these points may seem harsh or maybe a bit picky, but some are as the result of lessons learned.

Our sole goal, with your help, is to find these dogs a forever home. That is our primary focus.

If you are happy to proceed having read the above, let's start the journey together, and start by having this pre-adoption questionnaire completed. If you have any queries about what we have said above, or need clarity during completion of this form, or any general queries, please just ask.

Form completion Guidance notes:

1. Please complete the form, using extra paper if necessary. Please provide the fullest answers possible. It is important we have the fullest picture of where a dog is likely to be going to.
2. When you have completed the form please scan a copy, attach it to an email and send it to: info@pointersinneed.com If you can't scan and email, contact us and we will give you instructions of to where to post.

By completing this form, you confirm that you will accept the ownership rules and all of the conditions mentioned above. You also further confirm:

- a. Neither you or any member of your household has a conviction (prior or pending) for, or is being investigated by any authority, in regards to matters relating to neglect and/or abuse of any animal.
- b. You and everyone in your household are willing to accept the responsibilities of adoption with **Pointers In Need**, in accordance with the full terms and conditions set out in the Adoption Agreement.
- c. You will have read and agreed to our "*Data Protection & Privacy*" policy. (Details on the last page of this application).



1. Have you already spoken to anyone at Pointers In Need yet?

YES / NO

IF "Yes", please confirm who/when:

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2. About You

Your full name:	
Address: <i>please include your correct postcode</i>	
Email address: <i>please double check this is correct</i>	
Home phone: <i>please include your area dialling code</i>	
Mobile phone:	

NB. Should your application proceed and we move forward in bringing a dog into the UK for you, under DEFRA rules and guidelines, you will be asked to provide us with either your Passport Number or your National Insurance Number for identification purposes. We will not be able to proceed without this. This information will be kept securely and only used on the DEFRA application form.

2a. Please indicate your age bracket:

21 - 25 26-35 36-50 51-60 61-70 70+

2b. Are you: *(please select the appropriate option)*

Employed Self-employed Retired Unemployed Student

If employed, please give details of hours / shifts worked

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3. Your household

3a. Do other adults live in your household? Yes No

If yes, provide details, and what role will they take in the care of the Pointer?

3b. Do children (under 18) live in the household? Yes No

If yes, please tell us their ages and their experience with dogs:

4. Your home and garden/outside

4a. Do you own or rent the property that you live in?

If rented we will need confirmation that you have permission to keep a dog in the home

Owned Rented

4b. Please describe the property you live in:

For example, detached house, semi, flat, bungalow etc. Include proximity to main roads / rail lines / rivers / airfields / cliffs / quarries etc

4c. Garden and outdoor space:

Please include approx. size, whether private or communal, minimum height of boundary fence, general security, is there a pond/stream etc.? (Photos would be useful)

Please note: that it will be a requirement that your garden/outside space is **fully secure** from the outside world. Pointers can be excellent escapologists, and thus it will be a mandatory requirement that the area the dog will have access to be protected by a minimum 5-6 foot wall/fence with no easy escape route. Bear in mind Pointers can dig also! Not only is this a PIN requirement, but our Rescuers abroad stipulate this is paramount for any dog being rehomed by us, after all of the hard work they have put into rescuing the dog in the first place.



4d. Where will you walk your Pointer?

Please include proximity to home and terrain, e.g. woodland, open fields, coastline etc.

4e. Do you have any other dogs at home?

Yes No

If yes, please tell us about them:

Please include breed, age, whether neutered/spayed, behavior with other dogs etc.

4f. If you have any other pets at home, please tell us about them:

5. Your Dog Experience

5a. Please tick all that may apply:

- This will be my first dog
- I have trained dogs with challenging behavior
- I have trained hunting breeds
- I would like a dog that is already trained
- I have obedience training skills
- I have owned/adopted a rescue dog before

If you ticked any of the above list, please supply relevant information:



5b. What interests you in a rescue Pointer?

5c. How do you feel about having a dog that may never be able to go off lead except in a secure enclosed area?

6. Your Pointer preferences: Please tick appropriate boxes

Sex: Dog Bitch Either

Age: Puppy Below 1yr 1 – 3yrs 3 – 5yrs 5yrs plus

6a. How important is it that your Pointer:

Please select one answer in each row

	Doesn't matter	Quite important	Essential
Is housetrained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Likes children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gets on with other dogs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tolerates cats?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is comfortable home alone?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6b. How long would your Pointer be left home alone on a typical day? How often?

6c. Have you seen a Pointer on our website/FB page that you are interested in adopting?

Yes No

If yes, please state name(s)

6d. When would you ideally like to adopt a Pointer?



6e. Please tell us about any big events coming up, such as a new job or house, or having a baby:

6f. Do you have any ongoing / longer term medical condition that could potentially impact in any way, the demands and needs of caring for a rescue Pointer, bearing in mind the information we have outlined to you in the "initial advice" document that accompanies this form? Please tell us of anything that could be relevant in this respect.

6g. Is there anything else you would like us to consider in support of your application?
Please state here and continue on a separate piece of paper if needed

Are you happy for a Home Check to be undertaken? Yes No

Date form submitted to Pointers In Need:

Enquirer's Signature:

Thank you for your interest in Pointers In Need.

A member of our team will be in touch with you very soon.



The Adoption Fees

The following table of fees applies, and apply from 1st April 2021:

Rescue from within UK	Rescue from Spain	Rescue from Greece	Rescue from Cyprus	Rescue from all other locations
£350	£800	£1000	£650	POA
		There is an additional courier charge. Price tbc.		

We wish to be transparent as we can on our rescuing costs, so the table of charges above includes the costs of Vets fees. inc spay/castration, full blood work, microchipping/ rabies vaccine/ passport/ tick & worming; release fee if from the council run pounds, fostering costs, Government IPAFFS (tax), and transportation.

If there are any unexpected changes to our normal costs incurred, we will let you know as soon as we can. By way of example, if the dog has to go into private boarding, there could be an extra €100 approx per month.

The adoption team will gladly go through the charges with you.

So how do I actually pay you?

PayPal is our preferred option using the "friends and family" option to info@pointersinneed.com

Please email for details if you prefer to pay by BACS/Cheque.

Notes:

1. For Delivery to addresses in Scotland via road we regret to have to request **an additional £50** charge to cover the increased transport costs. (Unless dog is already in, and being rehomed, in Scotland)
2. If you adopt more than 1 dog at a time in one transaction, then the total fee can be discussed.
3. Changes to this payment structure "may" be considered in certain special circumstances.
4. There is no reimbursement of the fee after 6 months from the date of signing the adoption papers.

Thank You.

Data Protection & Privacy

We take the security of your personal data seriously.

Pointers In Need, do not have a computerised database and any records we hold about you, your name, address, phone nos and email address(es) are manually stored. We can confirm that we do not share your personal information with any Third Party entity, unless we are obliged to in the completion of your Adoption/Fostering application process. We therefore confirm that the only Third Parties we would need to share personal details with during the adoption/foster process would be, the designated *Home-checker*; *DEFRA* for importing a dog; the relevant transportation company for delivery of the dog to your door; *Pet Log* for registering your dog's microchip details, and where appropriate, *Agria Insurance* when incepting the free 5 weeks cover we offer to you upon adoption. Should there ever be a need to pass on personal details to anyone else not listed previously, then we would ALWAYS in the first instance seek your approval.

We will not send you any marketing material, and would only contact you personally via email/phone should we have a specific need to in relation to the Adopted/Fostered dog.

Any news and/or information we would need to communicate to all of our Adopters/Fosters would be either through our website or *FaceBook* pages only; neither of which would we ever release any personal information to.