

IS A RESCUE PUG RIGHT FOR YOU?

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If pug rescue groups had a dollar for every time they heard the request for a “young, healthy, fawn, female pug”, there would probably no longer be a need for fundraising. Unfortunately, some people think of rescue as a place to get an “inexpensive” pug that is already housebroken and up to date on all of their shots and medical checks. Unrealistic expectations waste the already taxed time of rescue volunteers and frustrates the person who has contacted the rescue group. Here are some common things that people ask about rescue pugs, and the reality for most rescue groups. Hopefully this can help you decide if a rescue pug is right for you.

Request: I want a young pug so I can have it for many years.

Reality: Pugs and pug mixes end up in rescue for many “reasons”. It is very rare for a person to turn a cute, cuddly, purebred pug puppy into rescue unless it has significant medical issues, such as a loss of eyesight or hearing, mange, or a need for surgery. If it was a “spur of the moment” purchase that is now regretted, even a backyard breeder will usually take back a healthy puppy and resell it. And of course a reputable breeder will always welcome back their dog, no matter what the age or problem. There are no guarantees of longevity of life of any creature on this earth. PDE is a fatal disease that generally strikes pugs before the age of five. If a young, healthy pug is of prime importance to you, please contact a reputable breeder (you can contact your local Pug Dog Club for information on finding someone near you). A breeder that has studied the pedigree of the dog, done adequate physical testing, and knows the health histories of the mother and father (sire and dam) and offers a health guarantee is what would probably suit you best. If you are adamant about wanting a young (and by young, I mean under the age of 2) healthy female pug from rescue, be prepared for a long wait. Many rescues have a waiting list of 2 years or more for a young female pug.

Request: Having a healthy dog is important to me since I don't want to be running up a lot of vet bills.

Reality: Many of the pugs that end up in rescue were found as strays or turned in to pounds or shelters. They do not come with medical records indicating problems that the dog had in the past or may have in the future. Many rescues did not receive the best of vet care or nutrition at their former homes. While the rescue group will have a vet check the dog, and many groups will have known medical conditions taken care of before adoption, if they have the finances, there is no way to predict the future health of the dog. If a healthy dog is your primary concern, again, contacting a breeder who offers a health guarantee is probably a wise choice.

Request: I think a pug is the breed of dog that I want, but I'm not sure.

Reality: Dogs who are adopted through rescue have already been displaced at least once in their lives. Some pugs come into rescue after having been in many homes. It is important to the rescue organization that the home the pug goes into is its “forever home” if at all possible. You might want to volunteer to be a foster home for a rescue group. This way you get to see the true personality of a rescue pug and if it is the right breed for you. If you find out that you do love pugs, from there adopting a pug is probably easier since the rescue group already knows all about you.

Request: I will adopt an adult pug, but I expect it to be totally housebroken.

Reality: Many pugs that are turned into rescue have been kept outside most of their lives, or in the case of many males, were not neutered before coming into rescue. Even if the pug was kept indoors, any time a dog is getting used to a new environment and a new schedule, there will likely be accidents. If it is a male dog who has just recently been neutered, there may be a period of marking for a few more weeks. Be prepared to work with a rescue dog and be gentle and patient. The dog may also have been abused and have submission issues that the new home needs to work with. If you want a dog who never has an accident, a rescue pug is probably not for you. In fact, pugs as a breed may not be right for you.

Request: I want a pug that doesn't shed/bark/snore/spray me with snot.

Reality: Uh, FAO Schwarz toy store has a lovely stuffed pug. TY also makes a pug Beanie Baby. I think this is the best type of pug for you, as this is the only pug I know of who doesn't shed, bark, snore and spray snot!

Request: I love older dogs who are more mellow than young dogs.

Reality: Rescue is a wonderful place to find an older dog from age 4 to 14. Many of these dogs have had a difficult time of life and are very grateful to have a good, loving home. They will show you their gratitude daily. An older dog is usually not as hyper as a puppy or young pug, and will do better in a small house or apartment. No matter what their age, they still have plenty of love to give!

Request: I have a special place in my heart for a dog who may have been neglected or abused or who has special medical needs.

Reality: Bless you! These are the majority of rescue dogs. Understanding that these dogs have some history behind them is critical in welcoming a rescued dog into your home. There are literally thousands of pugs and pug mixes who end up in rescue each year. Many have suffered physical abuse or have been severely neglected. These dogs need a patient person or family, willing to work with them in healing their bodies and spirits. Those who have adopted a rescue pug will attest that it can be one of life's most rewarding experiences.

Request: I support the concept of rescue, but I have all the pugs I can handle right now. What else can I do?

Reality: There are other ways you can help your rescue organization. You can do home checks or transport dogs. Volunteer your time with doing mailings or a newsletter or maintaining a web page. Help with special events or throw a special party to raise money for the group. And the most important thing that rescue organizations need is financial support. If you can't make a large donation, consider a small monthly donation, like \$10 or \$25. This can help pay for medicine to prevent a rescue pug from heartworm, or keep a dog flea and tick free for another month. All of these things greatly help rescue. As an added bonus, you will get a great feeling when you see the happy pug faces that your contributions helped on their way to their forever home.

Michigan Pug Rescue, "Pug Luv"
Adoption/Foster Application



The One with the Heart

PLEASE NOTE: At this time as a result of the Covid 19 Pandemic we are not doing events. Approved applicants will be interviewed on an individual basis. The purpose of this application is not to make the adoption/fostering of a Pug difficult, but to ensure that the best possible home is found for each of the Pugs that enter our program. These Pugs have already experienced a traumatic experience when they lost their previous home, have been abused, and/or abandoned. Please be thorough when completing your application. Applications that are not completed in full will only delay the process and may result in the application being immediately rejected.

Please print clearly. If there is insufficient space to answer any question, please attach a separate sheet to answer the question. Some of the questions are specific to applicants that are applying to adopt. Please answer all questions regardless if you are planning to adopt or to foster. Foster families may not adopt the Pug they are fostering for a period of no less than 6 months from the time they begin to foster. A foster family may adopt a Pug that they are not fostering at anytime.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Legal Name: _____

Legal Name of Spouse/Significant Other: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

How long have you been at this address? _____

Day Phone#: _____ Evening Phone#: _____ Cell phone#: _____

Best time to call: _____

Home Email Address: _____

Your Current Employer: _____

Current Employer of your Spouse/Significant Other: _____

Are you over 18?

Are you applying to Adopt? Y or No Are you applying to Foster? Y or N

Why do you want to adopt or foster a Pug? _____

Number of adults in the household

Number of children in the household

Men: _____ Age: _____

Boys: _____ Age: _____

Women: _____ Age: _____

Girls: _____ Age: _____

Are you expecting a child or planning a family in the near future? _____

Please provide 3 personal references (not related to you AND not living with you)

Name: _____ Complete Address: _____ Phone # including area code: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

How did you hear of Michigan Pug Rescue? _____

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Type of Dwelling:

House

Apartment

Mobile Home

Condo/Townhouse

Do you own or rent (circle one)?

If you do not own your home, please provide a copy of your lease agreement which states you are allowed to have pets. If prior approval from your landlord is required, please provide such approval on the landlord's letterhead.

Name of Landlord: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone#: _____

Do you have a fenced in yard? Y or N

If "no", how do you plan to ensure that the dog receives safe and adequate exercise?

How will the dog be contained when outside for bathroom purposes? _____

If your yard is not fenced, will your Pug be outside with or without supervision?

Do you have a pool or spa? Y or N

If 'yes', what style? _____ Is it enclosed/fenced in? _____

Do you have a balcony? Y or N

If 'yes', what is the distance between the rails? _____

Do you have stairs? Y or N

If 'yes' are any of the stairs open backed? Y or N

Where are the stairs located? _____

Will you reinforce or enclose areas if we request? _____

Is your home safe from poisons or other dangers? _____

Is your home air-conditioned? Y or N

PET HISTORY

Please list all pets you currently own

DOGS

Breed	Age	How long has this dog been a member of your family?	Spayed or Neutered?	Stays Indoors or Outdoors?

CATS

Breed	Age	Spayed/Neutered	Stays Indoors or Outdoors?

OTHER

Breed	Age	Spayed/Neutered	Stays Indoors or Outdoors?

Have any of your current pets ever lived with or had interaction with another dog?
Y or N

If yes, please describe how your pet reacted? _____

Do any of your dogs not get along with other dogs? Y or N

Do any of your current dogs have a dominance problem? Y or N

List any pets owned over the past 5 years not listed above:

Species/Breed	How long was it a family member?	Kept Indoors or Outdoors?	Spayed or Neutered?	Where is the pet now? If deceased, cause of death?

Have you ever had a pet run away? Y or N

Have you ever had to give up a pet? Y or N

If 'yes' please explain why: _____

If you currently own a dog, or have owned one in the past, please complete this portion. If not, please skip.

Where did you get your dog? _____

What activities do you participate in with your dog? _____

Have you attended obedience classes with your dog? _____

What type of Heartworm Preventative do you give your dog? _____

What type of flea control do you use on your dog? _____

What do you feed your dog? (brand/type) _____

When nobody is home, where does your dog stay? (check all that apply)

- In the yard In a crate In the garage
 In the house confined to an area In an outdoor dog run/pen
 In the house, not confined to an area In the house with a doggie door

Do you consider your current dog(s) aggressive or submissive to other people and/or animals? _____

BEHAVIOR

What type of behavior(s) do you expect from the Pug you want to adopt? _____

Will you train your Pug to walk on a leash? Y or N

Why or why not? _____

VETERINARIAN INFORMATION

What is your annual health care budget for your Pug? \$ _____
(this should include immunizations, annual heartworm testing and preventative, emergency care, annual dental cleanings and routine checkups)

What will you do if your Pug has a major illness or injury and the cost exceeds your budget? _____

If your pug had an emergency or serious illness, how much would you be willing to spend on vet bills; \$100__\$250__\$500__\$1000_whatever it takes ____

Is the vet you intend to use familiar with Pugs? Y or N

How have you determined this? _____

Please provide the name and telephone # of the veterinarian you intend to use:

Do you have an emergency vet in your area if needed? Y or N

Are they open 24/7? Y or N

Please provide their name and telephone#: _____

A veterinary record release form must be completed and sent to each of the veterinarians you have seen for each of your pets. A veterinary record release form is part of the application packet.

PUG KNOWLEDGE AND CARE

What amount of time and effort, per week, do you want to devote to training your Pug?
3-5 hours 7-10 hours

Are you aware of health problems that Pugs may have? Y or N

If yes, what problems do you foresee? (please explain) _____

Pugs have wrinkles in their face and are subject to ear infections. Are you prepared for the attention that will be required for cleaning the wrinkles and ears? _____

Did you know that Pugs overheat easily? Y or N

How will you prevent over-heating? _____

What food do you plan to feed your Pug? (choose one) Wet Dry Brand _____

After you adopt, are you willing to foster a Pug?

If you are fostering, are you able to take the Pug to Veterinary appointments and functions the rescue holds? Y or N

Pesticides, slug/snail pellets and other chemicals such as antifreeze and fertilizers are toxic. Do you agree not to use any of these products in areas your Pug will have access to? Y or N

Pugs can have many medical expenses, especially when they get older. Many of the Pugs that come into the rescue have medical needs that have to be taken care of for the rest of their lives. Do you feel that you and your family are prepared for that emotional and financial obligation? Y or N

Are you aware that Pugs shed 365 days a year? Y or N

Did you know Pugs snore? Y or N

Pugs are companion animals, they will want to be with you constantly. Pugs were bred solely for companionship. Are you prepared for this? Y or N

Pugs can live upwards for 14 years, are you committed to care for him/her for that long? Y or N

Will you keep your Pugs medical requirements current? This includes immunizations, fecal testing, heartworm testing, as well as providing a monthly heartworm preventative 12 months a year? Y or N

Do you plan to keep your Pug primarily indoors or out? (please explain) _____

Do you plan to use a crate? Y or N

Why or why not? _____

Where will your Pug sleep? _____

Under what circumstances would you consider getting rid of your Pug?

Explain _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is your definition of disciplining your dog? _____

If your Pug chewed a personal item, how would you react? _____

What makes you a good pet owner? _____

If your Pug is lost, what will you do to find him/her? _____

What made you decide on a Pug? (please be as specific as possible) _____

According to city or county ordinance, how many animals are you allowed? _____

How much time will you give your Pug to adjust to the new household/family? _____

Are you agreeable to returning your Pug, should unforeseen circumstances arise and you are no longer able to keep him/her? Y or N

How many hours do you anticipate your Pug to be home alone per day? _____

Do you commit to care for the Pug for its entire life, even if it becomes a special needs Pug? Y or N

What would you do if the Pug became a special needs Pug, (for example blind, unable to use its back legs etc) _____

Have you applied with another rescue group? Y or N

If yes, which organization? _____

Why aren't you adopting from that organization? _____

If you do not reside in the state of Michigan, will you make provisions to pick up the Pug? **WE DO NOT SHIP DOGS.** All members of your family, including any dogs, must come to meet the Pug at a Meet and Greet and make the commitment to adopt a particular Pug prior to a Home Visit being scheduled. After the commitment and Home Visit, a final determination will be made as to the adoption of the Pug.

YOUR PUG

This section pertains to the Pug you wish to adopt. Please select as many options as you are interested in. Please keep in mind that a Pug that currently appears on the website may not be available at the time your application is approved. Your selection should reflect this.

If you are applying to foster a Pug, once your application is approved you will be asked to sign a contract to foster. Foster dogs are given to foster homes as they enter the rescue after being seen by the Veterinarian.

Age preference:

Puppy 0-1 yr 1-6 yrs. 6+ yrs No preference

Color:

Fawn Black Silver Apricot No preference

Sex:

Male Female no Preference

Are you open to adopting a Pug mix? Y or N

Would you be interested in adopting a Pug over 6 yrs old? Y or N Why or why not?

A senior Pug? Y or N Why or why not? _____

A special needs Pug? Y or N Why or why not? _____

Are you willing to adopt a bonded pair? Y or N

If you have any comments that would assist us in evaluating this application, please provide below:

Please mail the completed application with the \$10.00 processing fee (in US funds) (Canadian Residents \$8 application fee in US funds) to the address listed below. Applications must be completed in their entirety. Applications received without the \$10 (US funds) application fee will not be considered. The \$10 adoption application fee covers the cost of postage, envelopes and stationary for correspondence with regard to your application. We respond to each application in writing as quickly as possible. Please keep in mind that all members of Michigan Pug Rescue are unpaid volunteers and have other responsibilities such as jobs and family. A final decision with regards to your eligibility to adopt one of our Pugs will be made once your complete Veterinarian records from all Veterinarians your pets have seen are received and a home visit is conducted.

**MICHIGAN PUG RESCUE "PUG LUV"
ADOPTION/FOSTER APPLICATION
23927 WESLEY
FARMINGTON, MI. 48335**

I understand that my application will be reviewed by the "Pug Luv" Adoption Committee and I will be notified in writing of any questions or concerns.

I understand it is my responsibility to forward the request for **complete** Veterinary records to my Vet and that **"Pug Luv" will not contact my Vet(s)** to obtain or discuss my Veterinary records.

I understand if a reply to the questions or complete Veterinary records are not received within 10 days of the date of the letter, my application will be discarded and the adoption processed stopped.

I understand that the decision to approve my application is at the sole discretion of the "Pug Luv" Adoption Committee and if my application is not approved, the reason for that decision is confidential.

I understand that if I am approved, and a Pug is placed with me, Michigan Pug Rescue may contact me periodically to assess how my Pug and I are adjusting to each other and to assist me with any problems I may be experiencing. I also agree that I will be required to sign a legal adoption contract before I receive my Pug.

I understand there is a fee of \$25.00 for checks returned unpaid.

Further, I also understand and authorize an inspection of my home by an authorized Michigan Pug Rescue representative for the purpose of evaluating this application.

All information I have provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE COMPLETELY ANSWERED AND A **COMPLETE** COPY OF CURRENT AND PAST VET RECORDS RECEIVED FROM YOUR VET BEFORE A FINAL DETERMINATION ON YOUR APPLICATION IS MADE. AFTER REVIEW OF YOUR APPLICATION BY OUR ADOPTION COMMITTEE YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, AND / OR THEIR DECISION TO APPROVE OR DENY YOUR APPLICATION.

ONCE YOUR APPLICATION IS TENTATIVELY APPROVED YOU WILL BE CONTACTED. YOU MUST ATTEND ONE OF OUR EVENTS, IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO ADOPT ONE OF THE AVAILABLE PUGS. ALL MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY INCLUDING ANY CURRENT DOGS MUST MEET AND INTERACT WITH THE PUG YOU ARE COMMITTING TO ADOPT. IF A PUG IS NOT AVAILABLE THAT YOU WISH TO ADOPT AT THAT TIME, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE HELD ON FILE FOR UP TO 6 MONTHS. DURING THAT TIME YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF PUGS THAT ENTER THE PROGRAM ONLY AFTER THE COMMITMENT TO ADOPT A PARTICULAR PUG HAS BEEN MADE WILL A HOME VISIT BE CONDUCTED, AT WHICH TIME A REPORT IS THEN SUBMITTED TO THE ADOPTION COMMITTEE FOR THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF YOUR APPLICATION.

Pugs listed on our website may have applicants who have already completed part of the adoption process. For that reason we recommend you do not wait until a Pug you would like to adopt enters the program before beginning the adoption process.

Michigan Pug Rescue "Pug Luv"
Release of Information

"PUG



LUV"

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AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE VETERINARY INFORMATION TO THE MICHIGAN PUG RESCUE, "PUG LUV"

I understand that it is the policy of the Michigan Pug Rescue "Pug Luv", to perform an inquiry into the veterinary care that I have given my current / previous pets. I understand that this inquiry is done to help assure MPR, that the animal(s) they are placing will be placed in a home where it will be well cared for. I have no objection to this inquiry and I,

(please print name, address and phone #)

hereby give permission to:

(name of Veterinary clinic, address and phone #)

to release any and all written information regarding my pets for the past 5 years to Michigan Pug Rescue "Pug Luv", to the person named below.

PLEASE NOTE THIS FORM IS NOT NECESSARY IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A PET IN THE PAST 5 YEARS.

Signature

Date

We do not request records or contact Veterinary offices for this information.

Please mail this copy along with your completed application.

Michigan Pug Rescue "Pug Luv"
Release of Information
Veterinarian copy



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to release any and **all** written information regarding my pets to Michigan Pug Rescue "Pug Luv", to the person named below. Please provide **complete** records (this is to include the doctor's notes) for the past 5 years, not just immunization records as this will only delay my adoption process.

PLEASE NOTE THIS FORM IS NOT NECESSARY IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A PET IN THE PAST 5 YEARS.

Signature

Date

Please forward this copy to your Veterinarian and ask that the records be mailed to:

**MICHIGAN PUG RESCUE
"PUG LUV"
23927 WESLEY
FARMINGTON MI 48335**

E-mailed and faxed records are not accepted

Michigan Pug Rescue, "Pug Luv"
Checklist

"PUG



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FORMS CHECKLIST

- _____ The Adoption/Foster Application is filled out completely
- _____ A Veterinary Information Release form for each vet for my pets seen during the past five years
- _____ A Second copy of the Veterinary Information Release Form is filled out completely and **submitted** to each of the vets you pets have seen during the past five years.

When Sending Us Your Forms please be sure you have placed sufficient postage on your envelope. This is at least 2 first class stamps:

- _____ Include the completed Adoption Application, all questions must be answered. Incomplete applications only delay the application process
- _____ Include a copy of the completed Veterinary Information Release form(s) Being forwarded to each of your Veterinarian(s)
- _____ Non - Refundable Adoption Application fee of \$10.00 (**for Adoption Applicants only**) Is Included, payable in US funds to Michigan Pug Rescue.
(Additional donations are appreciated)

Please mail completed forms and application fee to:

**MICHIGAN PUG RESCUE, "Pug Luv"
ADOPTION APPLICATION
23927 WESLEY
FARMINGTON, MI 48335**

Note: If you do not include your application fee, your application will NOT be processed and will be discarded!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I come see the Pugs before I complete my application?

A: **We do not have a brick and mortar building** where the Pugs are housed. Each of our PUGS are in a foster home, generally with other Pugs where they are evaluated to determine the best type of home that they should be placed in. We respect the privacy of our foster homes and do not allow prospective adopters to visit their homes.

Q: Can I come to an event, bring my application and adopt a Pug at that event?

A: There are no on site adoptions. All applicants must have an approved application for adoption, approved Veterinary records, a commitment to adopt a particular Pug, and a home visit prior to adoption.

Q: Can I take the Pug I want to adopt home for a trial basis?

A: No, we believe that both our screening process of applicants and the interaction of the Pug and prospective adopters is sufficient to determine if the adoption will work.

Q: Can I foster a Pug and if it works out adopt that Pug?

A: If you wish to become a foster family, the Pug that is being fostered cannot be adopted by the foster family for a minimum of six months. A foster family can adopt a Pug that they are not fostering.

Q: How long does the application process take?

A: The process is shortened by the effort you place in making your application. Answering all questions and answering them completely results in MPR being able to make a decision on your application without the need to request clarification of your answers. Consistent communication with your Veterinarian (by telephone) to be sure the **complete** records are sent as promptly as possible.

Q: When will I know the status of my application?

A: You will be notified in writing by mail if we have further questions about your application. We will also let you know by mail whether your application has been approved or denied. We attempt to process all applications within a week and issue a response. There are times when the process may take longer if the Adoption Committee is engaged in events.

Q: What is the process once my application is approved?

A: Once the Adoption Committee approves the application and Veterinary Records, a letter is sent to the applicant informing them of the approval. The next step in the process is when a Pug becomes available for adoption, interviews are set up for the entire family including any current dogs to determine which family will best meet the needs of the Pug and which family the Pug will best fit into their family. Once the committee determines which family is best suited for that Pug, a home visit will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time when one of the Volunteers and the entire family are available. The representative of the organization will report to the Adoption Committee their findings on home visit and a final determination about the adoption will be made. Upon final approval the family is contacted to arrange for the adoption to take place. All members of the family including any current dogs are required to be at the adoption.

- Q:** Does the Pug I plan to adopt come when the home visit is conducted?
- A:** No, the volunteer that conducts the home visit is not necessarily the person who is fostering the Pug.
- Q:** What happens if the pug I was applying for has already been adopted?
- A:** If approved, you will be able to commit to adopt any Pug that does not have an adoption pending or be placed on our waiting list. When a Pug enters the program you will receive an e-mail.
- Q:** How much are the adoption fees?
- A:** The adoption fees range from \$200-\$600 based on the age and health of each Pug.
- Q:** Why is the cost to adopt so much?
- A:** We often receive pugs in very poor shape both physically and medically. Veterinarian bills, food, and supplies can cost upwards of \$1,000 or more per pug depending on age, condition, special needs, and health problems. Surgeries can cost thousands of dollars. We never charge the adopter for the Veterinary services we provide. Every Pug that comes into the rescue is examined by our Veterinarian. Rabies, Distemper, Corona and Bordetella vaccines are brought up to date where necessary. Pugs that have not been spayed or neutered are. If it is determined by the vet that dental services are required they are performed. Each Pug has a blood test. Fecal test for worms and heartworm testing is done. Every Pug that has not been micro-chipped previously, is. Any other medical issues such as removal of tumors, biopsies, treatment of ear infections etc are also treated. Although some of the Pugs that come into the rescue do not need all of the treatments described above, there are others that require extensive treatment. If you have ever owned an animal you are certainly aware of the costs associated with these services. In order for the rescue to continue the work we do, our adoption donations and fund raising efforts must cover these costs. Ongoing and careful analysis of these costs are done to keep the adoption donations as low as possible while providing the care each Pug needs. We often receive pugs in very poor shape both physically and medically. Veterinarian bills, food, and supplies can cost upwards of \$500 or more per pug depending on age, condition, special needs, and health problems. Surgeries can cost thousands of dollars
- Q:** Do you adopt outside of the State of Michigan or Canada?
- A:** As part of our adoption process a home visit is conducted. As long as we are able to arrange to have a home visit done and all other requirements are met, including the family and current dogs coming to Michigan for the pre-adoption meeting and return for the adoption we will adopt out of Michigan and to Canada.
- Q:** Are all of the Pugs that are available for adoption at each Meet and Greet?
- A:** Michigan Pug Rescue members are all volunteers. We attempt to have as many of the available Pugs at each event as possible. Volunteers first responsibility is to their job and family and do not always allow them to be at each event. Wherever possible, a volunteer will pick up a Pug when a foster family is unable to attend. The Pugs that are attending each event are listed on the web site.

- Q:** What happens if for some reason I am no longer able to keep my Pug?
- A:** As part of the adoption contract that is signed, the Pug **must** be returned to "Pug Luv". The Pug cannot be given to anyone, sold or given away. The adopted Pug must reside with the person or persons that signed the Adoption Agreement.
- Q:** Am I required to notify "Pug Luv" of any change in address, telephone number or e-mail address
- A:** Any change in contact information or the status of the Pug must be reported to "Pug Luv". This includes address, telephone, or e-mail address. If the Pug is lost or passes away, "Pug Luv" must be notified.
- Q:** If I have questions about any of the Pugs on the web site, the status of my application or I have responded to questions that were asked about my application, who do I call.
- A:** Because everyone in the organization is an unpaid volunteer. They have families, jobs, responsibilities that include transporting Pugs to and from Veterinary appointments and events, maintaining the "Pug Luv" web site in addition to various other web sites that present the adoptable Pugs. They participate in fund raising events to support the costs of Veterinary care of the Pugs we are unable to return individual telephone calls other than those related to surrendering a Pug. All information about each Pug is on their individual biography under the Browse Available Pugs page. There is no additional information available.
- Q:** Once I have adopted my Pug, can I give the Pug to a family member, friend a person of my choice or sell the Pug to someone?
- A:** The Adoption contract that is signed does not permit the Pug to be transferred or sold to anyone who is not a party to the adoption contract. The Pug must be returned to Michigan Pug Rescue, "Pug Luv" under the terms of the contract if the parties to the contract are not able to keep the Pug for any reason.