

Wags Senior Citizen Adoption Policy

Our first interest is placing our dogs in a home that will be able to care for them for the rest of their lives. Sadly, the shelters are full of dogs that are turned into the shelter in their later years as their owner is no longer able to care for them due to owner health issues, moving to a retirement home, etc. While this is a delicate topic, and not meant to insult anyone, the following guidelines must be met if an adopter is over the age of 64:

- 1) Generally we will not adopt out young puppies to senior citizens - in 100% of cases in the past, the pup has been promptly returned as the pup was simply too much work for the senior citizen/adopter to keep up with. The dog you choose must be at least 1 year old (or older), and will also be dependent on age of adopter as well as other factors.
- 2) When choosing a dog that will be a right fit, the age, size and energy level of the dog must be considered. Factors such as whether there is a yard or not, and whether there is another person also living in the home to help care for the dog will be considered, and WAGS reserves the right to restrict the size and age of the dog eligible for adoption to a senior citizen.
- 3) Any person over the age of 64 must have a family member agree that they will take the dog in the event the adopter can no longer care for the dog. This family member must be interviewed by WAGS and must also sign all adoption paperwork.

When choosing a companion to adopt, please think of the big picture, be realistic, and choose a dog that you expect to be able to care for the rest of the dog's life.