

**The following are Midwest BREW's policies that are required of all adopters. Please read them carefully and be sure that you are willing to agree to them before completing our adoption application:**

- Adopters will allow for a minimum of 45 days adjustment period for the beagle to adjust to its new environment and family.
- Beagles will be placed with adults to be kept as companion animals. They are to be accepted as family members, be kept indoors, receiving proper nourishment/exercise, medical care and attention. Continuous outdoor confinement in doghouses, pens and runs are unacceptable.
- We discourage the adoption of puppies to homes with children under the age of 6 because of the nipping and chewing tendencies of puppies.
- We will not place puppies under the age of 6 months old into homes if no one is home during the day. It is cruel and inhumane to leave puppies home for long periods of time unattended. If you are considering a puppy and are away from home for more than 4 hours at a time, you will need to make arrangements with a dog walker. Exceptions will be taken into consideration.
- Renters should verify pet policies. Many landlords require additional non-refundable fees for pets. Beagles are known for their "Aroo"; renters will be limited on their selection of potential beagles to those known to be quiet/good for apartment living. Exceptions will be taken into consideration. Your landlord will be contacted to verify pet policies.
- A fenced yard is ideal for all dogs but not a requirement for adoption. This protects the dog from roaming and owners from liability their loose animal may cause. Dogs should never be left unattended in a yard. Chaining is not acceptable. Dogs will not be placed in homes where they will be allowed to run at large. Beagles must remain leashed at all times while outside, except in a secure, fenced-in area. An invisible fence may not qualify as adequate containment for a beagle but will be handled on a case by case basis. A Midwest BREW representative will visit your residence to confirm proper confinement requirements.
- Adopters must be at least 21 years of age. All adults in the household must agree to the selection of the chosen beagle: including parents, relatives, roommates, etc.
- Beagles cannot be adopted as gifts. Beagles shall not be given away or sold to another individual. They must be returned to Midwest BREW if the adopter can no longer care for the beagle properly.
- All beagles must have collars with owner identification tags, rabies, Midwest BREW ID tag and license tags. If your beagle is lost, a tag may be the only way to have him/her returned to you.
- Currently owned animals should be up-to-date on vaccinations and heartworm testing. All dogs and cats in the home must be spayed or neutered unless there is a medical reason. Your veterinarian will be contacted to verify your pet's health record.