

# **Mobile Adoptions**

# Mobile Adoptions Part 1: Planning Sheet

This Mobile Adoptions activity will help you understand all of the planning that goes into selecting the right dog to attend a Mobile adoption event. Part 1 includes this *Planning Sheet*. Part 2 includes *Dog Biographies* so that you can read about each available dog and pick the most appropriate ones to go to the adoption event. Part 3 asks *Which Dogs Did You Choose?* to go to the Mobile adoption event.

To get started, plan out your Mobile adoption event, and think about the information you need to know before you select dogs. When you finish reading this Planning Sheet, move on to *Mobile Adoptions Part 2–Dog Biographies.* 



#### 1. Think about the type of visitor Mobile might receive at the event.

- a. Will the visitors be mostly adults?
- b. Mostly adults and families with their own dog?
- c. Mostly children?

#### 2. Picture the location.

- a. What will the weather be like? Hot and dry, cool and breezy?
- b. What time of day will the event be held?
- c. Shade or sun?
- d. Will it be grassy, cement, or blacktop?
- e. How much space is there to spread out? A tight space might mean taking all small dogs.

#### 3. Think about the dogs we have.

- a. Is this a younger dog or older?
- b. Outgoing or shy?
- c. Trained or no self-control?
- d. Good around other dogs?
- e. Good around small children?
- f. Does the dog have any health issues? How might that affect their ability to enjoy the event? Think about the weather and location.
- g. Do you have a variety of breeds and sizes so there are different choices for Mobile visitors?



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# Mobile Adoptions Part 2: Dog Biographies

This week, we will be going to the Flea Market at Pasadena City College. We have a large grassy area in which to set up. There are plenty of shade trees. We will arrive at 7:30am and leave at about 2pm. The forecast says skies will be partly cloudy with a high of 74 degrees.

We need to take six dogs with us to the Flea Market to try to get them adopted. The Flea Market will have crowds of people, many with little children and their own dogs. It is very important that we make sure we are safe, the dogs are safe, and the public is safe.

Your job is to choose six appropriate dogs for this event. Below is a list of 10 dogs with their photos and descriptions. Carefully read each dog's description so you can get an idea of how the dog might behave at a Mobile adoption event.

Remember to use the Planning Sheet to help you think about the event environment so that you can choose the most appropriate dogs to go to the Flea Market. **REMEMBER: While there are many wonderful dogs to choose from, you only need to select 6 of the following dogs to go to the event!** 



### ZIGGY

Male Siberian Husky. 3 years old. Brought in by owner who was unable to manage with his health problem. Friendly, affectionate, gets along with other big dogs, but not so much with cats. Might be okay with older kids. Knows his "sit" cue. Loves to play with toys. Loves to swim in swimming pools. Can pull when walking on leash. Has had seizures which are controlled by medication.



## MISSY

Female Pit Bull mix. 7 years old. Found at the park. Very shy and doesn't have too much energy. Doesn't like to be bothered much but does enjoy petting. Walks okay on leash but still wants to chase after squirrels. Likes treats and tends to take them roughly so watch your fingers. Knows "sit" cue. Mellow around all ages of visitors.



## ROCKY

Male Rottweiler. 1 year old. Found as a stray. Very energetic and loves to play fetch. Knows his cues, "sit" and "down". Does okay around bigger dogs as long as they don't bother him. Loves attention and petting. Still thinks he's small enough to be a lap dog. Tends to pull strongly on leash and needs a little work on leash behavior. Brought to the shelter by a family that has a two-year-old child, and Rocky was so energetic that he was knocking the girl off of her feet.



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### DUDLEY

Male Cocker Spaniel mix. 14 years old. Found as a stray. Seems to be deaf since he doesn't respond to sounds. Ears are sensitive to touch, probably from past infections. Leans against you for affection and loves getting petted. Gets along with other dogs and does fine with kids. Knows the hand signal for "sit." Loves treats and walks well on leash.



# SALLY

Female Miniature Poodle mix. 5 years old. Stray. Very wiggly and energetic. Loves to cuddle in a lap and will give you a lot of kisses. Shy around other dogs. Barks for your attention. Loves to play with toys. Doesn't seem to know any cues. Walks okay on leash but if she sees something she wants to get to, she will pull with all her might.



#### LEO

Male Pit Bull/Rottweiler mix. 2 years old. Owners had to move and could not take him. Absolutely loves everyone! Loves getting petted and will give all kinds of kisses to you! An energetic and happy dog. Not too good around other big dogs but seems to like small dogs instead. Knows all of his cues for treats and will even shake hands with you. Also good with kids. Big and can be strong!



### EARL

Male Bull Mastiff mix. 6 years old. Owner turned him in because Earl growled at the landlord. Large dog, very strong. Knows his "sit" cue and likes treats. Likes attention and will lean against you for petting. Don't know yet how he does with other dogs. Veterinary Health Staff reports that he has a mild heart murmur and occasionally limps so he might have some hip pain.



### **GRETA**

Female German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois mix. 7 years old. Found as a stray. Smaller than the average German Shepherd. Likes to dig in the dirt, enjoys treats, and walks very nicely on a leash. Friendly with kids and good with other dogs, but not with cats. Can get a little barky if you don't pay attention to her. Does like to cuddle and will give kisses.



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### AMY

Female Terrier. 10 years old. Owner turned in Amy since she bit the owner's 4-yearold grandson, but the bite didn't break skin. Very friendly with adults and is good around other small dogs. Loves to be in your lap and cuddle. Walks very well on leash and enjoys treats. Veterinary Health Staff reports that her skin is sensitive so she shouldn't be in the sun too long.



### MOLLY

Female Chihuahua. 4 years old. Transferred to our shelter from another shelter that was over-crowded. Super shy and takes a while to warm up to anyone. Gets shivery at first. Once she gets to know you, she will climb into your lap and snuggle. Don't know yet how she does with other dogs. Hard to leash because she is so shy, and when leashed, hesitates to walk. Takes treats very gently and cautiously.



## Mobile Adoptions Part 3 : Which Dogs Did You Choose?

Which dogs did you choose for the Mobile adoption event at the Pasadena City College Flea Market? Write their names below and be sure to tell why you chose them.

Dog #1		
	_ is going to the Mobile adoption event because: .	
Dog #2		
	_ is going to the Mobile adoption event because: .	
Dog #3		
	_ is going to the Mobile adoption event because:	
Dog #4		
	_ is going to the Mobile adoption event because:	
Dog #5		
	_ is going to the Mobile adoption event because:	
Dog #6		
	_ is going to the Mobile adoption event because:	