



Responsible Pet Ownership for Guess

Staff at Minneapolis Animal Care and Control (MACC) would like to inform the public of some things to think about as you consider adopting this dog:

1. Guess is an unaltered male Schnauzer/Poodle mix puppy that is approximately five months of age and is not house broken. As he grows, he will be a small dog and may weigh up to 25 lbs.
2. The Schnauzer side of his personality may have a strong prey drive, which may mean that he likes to chase balls, as well as small animals (i.e., squirrels). Because of this, it might be challenging if this dog is in the same household with cats, for instance.
3. The Poodle side of the dog's personality will present as a bit more mellow. Because the dog is a mixed breed, it is hard to determine which part of his personality will be dominant – Schnauzer or Poodle.
4. This breed of dog typically does not shed. However, the dog will require regular grooming, including brushing and haircuts every four to six weeks.
5. Guess will love to play and will require daily exercise in his new home.
6. Both Schnauzers and Poodles love their human owners. They are very attached to their owners and strongly bond with them. For this and other reasons, Guess should be an indoor dog with a lot of interaction with his owners.
7. Because the dog has been through a bit of trauma in his young life, and has been kept in an animal shelter for a month, he will require a lot of socialization and puppy obedience training. He and his new owner will need to develop a strong bond of trust.
8. All dogs and cats within the City of Minneapolis require a current pet license, and this license can be purchased at the time of adoption. For individuals living outside the Minneapolis city limits, please check your city's website for more information on licensing requirements.
9. Although Guess has been regularly checked by the MACC veterinarians since being brought to the shelter, he will need ongoing veterinary care to keep him healthy and happy.
10. Finally, Guess will be neutered on Tuesday, Feb. 22 as part of Spay Day Minneapolis (a low-cost clinic held at the MACC Animal Shelter.) All prospective adopters must commit to having Guess neutered on the 22nd. If an individual cannot commit to doing this, they will forfeit their chance to adopt the animal.
11. **MACC encourages everyone thinking about adopting an animal to be a responsible pet owner. Before you look for a pet, think about what type of dog will fit your lifestyle. This will ensure a happy home for you and your new companion.**