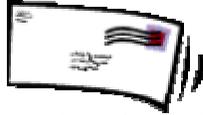


# Why Does it Take so Long?



**STEP ONE (1-2 days)** An application is filled out by an interested family and sent through the mail to the Application Coordinator.



**STEP TWO (1-10 days)** The Application Coordinator reviews each application, notifies the applicant that it has been received, requests any additional information when necessary, and then notifies the Home Visit Coordinator that the family is ready for the Home Visit. GRREAT receives nearly 1000 applications each year.



## And Why are we being so careful?

\*We do our best to slowly and carefully make good matches that will last a lifetime

\*In order to do this, we need to know as much as possible about your family as well as the dogs we Rescue and try to place

\*Each dog as well as each family has individual likes, dislikes, wants, needs, abilities, savviness level, activity level, and temperament.

\*While you are going through the application process, each dog is placed in a Foster Home where any health or behavioral issues are addressed and the most compatible type of home is determined.



**STEP EIGHT** Approval Notification received! The family is now ready to call Foster Homes and explore a possible Forever match.



**STEP SEVEN (1-3 days)** The Adoption Coordinator will review the application and home visit and determine whether GRREAT will be able to help the family make a match. If an application is approved, the Adoption Coordinator will then email (or mail if necessary) the approval letter and current list of Available Dogs with the Foster Home contact information.

Once approved, the application will be kept active for 6 months and will be available for the Foster Homes to review.



**STEP SIX (1-5 days)** The Home Visit Report is emailed or mailed back to the Application Coordinator who will review it for completeness and will then send it with the application to the Adoption Coordinator.



**STEP THREE (1-10 days)** The Home Visit Coordinator will assign the visit to an available Home Visit Volunteer who will then contact the applicant to arrange for a time to meet the whole family.



**STEP FOUR (1-2 hours)** The Home Visit Volunteer will bring a dog and visit with the applicant(s). They will explain the process of adopting through GRREAT and will also ask and answer any questions you may have.



**STEP FIVE (1-5 days)** Once the visit is complete, the Home Visit Volunteer will use a form to type up a report. This report covers family composition (kids, other pets, etc), environment details (fence, stairs, etc), dog savviness level, activity level, and interactions with the Foster's dog. All these details help our Foster Homes make good matches.