



## ADOPTION APPLICATION

**Instructions:** We require all of the below information before considering your adoption application, together with landlord consent (if renting) and photos of your property. Failure to do so may result in a delayed or rejected application.

Please send your application to: [Contact@NZChihuahuaRescue.co.nz](mailto:Contact@NZChihuahuaRescue.co.nz) with the appropriate attachments and retain a copy for yourself. If you cannot scan the document back to us by email please post to: NZ Chihuahua Rescue, PO Box 20579, Bishopdale 8543, Christchurch.

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Details:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Residency Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a partner residing at or staying at the property often?

No

Yes – Please fill out the below section so we know who will be around the dog on a regular basis

### Details of Spouse or Partner at the Home Regularly:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact number: \_\_\_\_\_ Other phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per week does your partner work? Please note on what days and any other details of work schedule: (ie. How many hours per week, Which days, Are they on a roster? Are there any other details of the work schedule we should know?)

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### Please select:

I am interested in a particular dog advertised on your website - named: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to go on the list of potential adopters for any rescue Chihuahua available in my City future.

### Home Details

Do you own your own home?

No (If no – please provide a written letter of consent from your landlord or Housing New Zealand – you should also consider what would happen to the dog if you moved from your current rental)

Yes

Amount of time at current address? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fully-fenced back yard?

No

Yes

**Do you agree to a property inspection, if required?** \* Please also attach photos of your property

- No
- Yes

**Do you have a pool, lake or other body of water on the property?**

- No
- Yes

**Family and Life Circumstances**

**Do you have any charges pending in respect of animal cruelty and/or have you ever been convicted of animal cruelty?**

- No
- Yes

**Who will be the main care-taker of the dog:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of people in household (aside from you) and their ages:**

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**Have you discussed adopting a dog with these people?**

- No
- Yes

**Does anyone in your family suffer from pet related allergies?**

- No
- Yes

**Do you have any children living with you?**

- No
- Yes (If yes, please note how many and their respective ages, full time or part time?)

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**Do you any children that may visit you (ie. grandchildren, foster children, etc.)**

- No
- Yes (If yes, please note how many and their respective ages, full time or part time?)

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**Do you suffer from any illness or disability which may impact on your ability to care for a dog?**

- No
- Yes
- I'm not sure if it qualifies - but I have some health concerns. *If you ticked yes or "I'm not sure" please clarify further below:*

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**Employment**

**Are you employed?**

**Job Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

- No
- Yes
- Beneficiary
- Student

**Please select the applicable option:**

- Full Time Worker
- Part Time Worker
- Retired
- I work from Home
- I am able to take the dog with me to work regularly (ie. at least 3 out of 5 days)

**How many hours per week do you work and on what days and any other details of work schedule:** *(ie. How many hours per week do you work? Which days do you work? Are you on a roster? Are there any other details of your work schedule we should know?)*

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**What are your plans for the dog while you are not home?**

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**How many hours a day will the dog be left without human company?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Which areas of your house or property are off limits to the dog?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you travel or move regularly for work or other activities?**

- No
- Yes

**What would happen to the dog should your family go on holiday?**

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**Details of your current pets:**

**Have you owned a Chihuahua prior?**

- No
- Yes

**Details of breeds owned:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where do your existing pets sleep?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where will the adopted dog sleep? (if inside – list the room, ie. laundry):** \_\_\_\_\_

**What diet are your existing dogs on** \_\_\_\_\_

**How often will you exercise the dog?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would the dog have access to indoors or outdoors only?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many dogs are you allowed by the Council to keep on your property?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter or rescue?**

- No
- Yes

**Are we able to contact your veterinary clinic for a reference?**

- No
- Yes

**Current clinic:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Length of time:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider the below carefully and tick the boxes which apply: Please be as honest as possible as we need to know what you are looking for in a companion...

## Are you comfortable adopting a dog who is.... ?

<p><b>With a known injury that can, or cannot be healed?</b> (ie. requiring future orthopaedic surgery for luxating patellas a condition very common in Chihuahuas – please research this)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – I think I would be open to this</p>	<p><b>Requires assistance with toilet-training?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – MUST be toilet-trained.  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – I am able and willing to assist a dog in getting in to this routine.  <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – I think I would be open to this</p>
<p><b>Requiring ongoing medical treatment</b> (ie. May require meds for a condition such as the heart or require a special diet due to liver or kidney health)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – I think I would be open to this</p>	<p><b>Requires obedience training?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p><b>A Puppy?</b> (ie. 6months – 1year)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – must be over _____years old (state age here)  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p><b>Is not cat friendly?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – This dog MUST like cats.  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – I think I would be open to this as it does not affect me.</p>
<p><b>Special needs (deaf / blind / other)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – I think I would be open to this</p>	<p><b>Does not like or is fearful of children?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – They must like and get along with children  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p><b>A Senior Dog?</b> (ie. Over 7-8 years of age)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – must be under _____years old (state age here)  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Over 7-8years is fine.</p>	<p><b>Fearful?</b> – These are dogs that may require extra support, those who are timid and wary.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – I am confident in dealing with this behaviour.  <input type="checkbox"/> As long as they do not nip out of fear.</p>
<p><b>Requiring socialisation with dogs?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – I am confident in dealing with this behaviour.</p>	<p><b>Requiring human socialisation</b> (ie. Dogs that are timid at times, wary and may require more support).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – I am confident in dealing with this behaviour.</p>

CURRENT PETS – NOTE SPECIES (DOG, CAT ETC. For dogs please note breed	AGE	SEX – M or F?	DE-SEXED?	LAST VACCINATION DATE?	REGISTERED WITH COUNCIL ?	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (if any)

Please tell us any additional details that may assist with your application – hobbies or whether you have any special training or skills (ie. vet, trainer etc):

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Please list any relevant recent experience with rescue dogs:

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Why are you interested in adopting a rescue dog?

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Any further comments you wish to add:

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Are you able to provide the full adoption fee prior to or on the day of adoption?

- No  
 Yes

*Please Note: The adoption fee is payable in full prior to the day of adoption. The fee can be paid by cash or direct credit into our Westpac New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue Trust Account: 03-0823-0074502-000*

Are you aware of the costs associated with adoption including yearly Council registration, vaccinations, worm and flea treatments, quality pet food and any other veterinary treatment they may suddenly need?

- No  
 Yes – I have considered and budgeted for all of these.

Have you read the below Agreement and terms?

- No  
 Yes

Do you agree to be bound by the below Agreement and terms?

- No  
 Yes

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## Checklist before sending your application in:

*Please ensure you have the following in order to successfully apply to become an Adopter. Failure to provide the information will result in a delayed or refused application.*

- Form completed with answers for each question  
 “signed” your name by typing in the box below  
 Landlord consent attached – if renting  
 Housing NZ consent attached – if renting  
 Pictures of your property and home

**AGREEMENT:** Please read this prior to signing – you will be bound by its terms.

In order to be considered for the adoption of a rescue dog held by the New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue Trust ("**The Trust**"), you, as the ("**the Adopter**") hereby agree to the following:

1. In the event that you are no longer able to care for the dog at any time. The Trust is to be notified immediately and the dog returned into the care of the Trust.
  - 1.1 For the absence of any doubt, the dog cannot be advertised or rehomed privately, under any circumstances or passed by Will to a family member. In the event of the death of the Adopter, a family member wishing to adopt a dog, will need to apply to the Trust for approval. Consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
  - 1.2 The Trust owe an obligation to the dog for the duration of its life. We will always accept back ex-trust dogs, regardless of the amount of time that may have passed or circumstances around the surrender.
2. By applying to the Trust, the Adopter confirms that all information supplied in the course of the adoption process is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.
  - 2.1 The Adopter further confirms that they have been honest in all dealings with the Trust and informed the Trust of any information that may be relevant to their application for adoption.
  - 2.2 Should the Trust become aware of information to the contrary, this shall be deemed a breach of the Agreement.
3. The Adopter undertakes that they have no pending charges or prior convictions related to animal cruelty.
4. The Adopter undertakes that they will apply any advice given to them by representatives of the Trust in respect of the dog they choose to adopt. Choosing not to abide by such advice shall be deemed a breach of the Agreement.

#### **Trial Period**

5. A one-month trial period applies to all adoptions to confirm the family are the right fit for the dog and the dog the right fit for the family. During this period, the Trust or the Adopter can decide to terminate the adoption for any good reason. The Trustees may decide to visit the trial home during the trial period, or prior to the conclusion of the trial, to determine suitability of placement.
  - 5.1 The Trust shall have the final approval and shall inform the adopter at the end of the month in writing that the trial period has ceased and they are successful.
  - 5.2 Once the dog has been adopted, the Trust will change legal ownership via the Council and add the Adopter as a contact to the dog's microchip.
  - 5.3 If the Trust or the Adopter elects to end the adoption prior to the one-month mark due to it being unsuccessful, the Adopter will be refunded in full their adoption fee.
  - 5.4 Should the adopted dog become sick or injured as a result of any act or omission to act of the Adopter prior to the confirmation of adoption (ie. during the trial period) the Adopter is liable for any/all vet fees. The trust reserves the right to uplift the dog as a result of said act or omission to act.
  - 5.5 The Trust confirms that it has disclosed to the Adopter, prior to the trial period any medical issues known to the Trust or further veterinary care required (at the cost of the Adopter):

**5.5.1** Should any unforeseen medical issues arise within the trial period, the Trust will terminate the trial period, uplift the dog and seek medical assistance for the dog at the Trusts' cost.

6. The Adopter undertakes that they have considered their position and confirm they have the ability to financially provide for the dog for the duration of its life. Providing for the dog includes (but is not limited to): prompt Council registration as it falls due each year, vaccinations and provision of any medical care advised by a Vet during the life of the dog, together with the basic necessities a dog requires and inside, warm, housing.

#### **Micro-Chipping and De-Sexing**

7. As a Charity, we strive to ensure that our funds are applied to the necessary vet care for each dog. This includes: de-sexing, microchipping and vaccinating. If further veterinary care is required in future in respect of a particular dog, the Trust will disclose this to the Adopter. All further vet care outlined by the trust or which arises after confirmation of the adoption (ie. on expiry of the trial period) will be the responsibility of the Adopter.
8. Each dog is micro-chipped and added to the New Zealand Companion Animal Register. The Trust (or Managing Trustee of the Trust) will remain as a contact on the dog's microchip. This is a fundamental term of adoption. The Adopter will be added to the database also but cannot, under any circumstances, remove the Trust's details from the microchip.
9. Dogs will be de-sexed prior to adoption. In the case that they have not been (ie. where a foster carer chooses to adopt and the dog is already with them) Any dogs that have been property of the Trust are not to be bred from.

#### **Breach of the Agreement**

10. In the event that the Adopter breaches any terms contained in this Agreement. The Trust reserves the right to immediately uplift the dog. The Adopter confirms they will not obstruct removal or prevent the trust from uplifting the dog in any way.
11. The Trust reserves the right to uplift a dog should any concerns arise in relation to welfare, mistreatment, abuse or blatant disregard for Clause 4 of this Agreement. This Clause extends throughout the duration of the life of the dog.

#### **Application Process**

12. The Adopter is to return the application form to the email below, together with any required evidence from a landlord before they may be considered. The information on the forms will be retained by The Trust.
13. The Trust reserves the right to approve or decline any Adopter at any stage of the process. No reasoning will be entered into.

#### **Adoption Fee**

14. The non-refundable adoption fee is to be paid prior to the dog going on trial. Account details can be found above, or cash on the day of handover of the dog is accepted.
15. Failure to pay the adoption fee will constitute a breach of this Agreement and the dog may be uplifted.
16. Applying to The Trust to become an Adopter does not create an obligation on The Trust to supply the Adopter with a dog.
17. The adoption handbook shall be deemed to form additional terms of this Agreement. If you do not have a copy of this handbook, please download from our website "adoptions" tab at [www.nzchihuahuarescue.co.nz](http://www.nzchihuahuarescue.co.nz)
18. The decision of The Trust is final.

**19** The Adopter agrees to be bound by the terms of this form or any updated forms, they acknowledge by signing that they are aware of their obligations in terms of becoming an Adopter.

**Please read through the above Agreement thoroughly and contact us if you have any queries.**

Once considered, please sign below or type your name below (in replacement of your true and usual signature if entered online) to confirm that you have read **and understood the contents of the above** and that you **accept the terms of our Agreement** and **agree to be bound by them**.

**As a prospective Adopter for the New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue Trust**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_