



# Dog Adoption Application

501(c)3 Non-profit

## Basic Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

How long at current job: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide two references that are not members of your immediate family:

Personal reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ years known: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ years known: \_\_\_\_\_

## About Your Home....

Do you live in a(n)?:

House

Townhouse

Apartment/ Condo

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Your home is:

- Owned, by you or your spouse/life partner
- Owned, by someone else within the house
- Rented directly from the owner or through a management company
- Rented as a part of a group of roommates
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If renting, is your name on the lease?  YES  NO \_\_\_\_\_

If renting, do you have your landlord's permission to have a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of any breed/ size restrictions where you live?  YES  NO

If yes, please include additional info: \_\_\_\_\_

Who shares your household?

- Spouse/Life Partner  Roommate(s) # \_\_\_\_\_  Boyfriend/Girlfriend
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there children in the home?  YES  NO

If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ How old? \_\_\_\_\_

At what age do you feel children are responsible enough to take care of a pet without assistance? (i.e. walk, feed, train) \_\_\_\_\_

If your present relationship/ living situation were to change and you were no longer able to care for the dog, a new application must be submitted and approved in order to transfer ownership.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to move soon? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household have an allergy to dogs that you are aware of?

- YES  NO

Is someone home during the day?  YES  NO Who? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours will your dog be alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your dog spend most of his/her day when you are home?

- indoors  garage  
 yard  enclosed patio  
 indoor/outdoor  other: \_\_\_\_\_

additional info: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog stay when he/she is home alone?

- indoor/outdoor (doggy- door)  
 insideonly (specify):  
 run of the house  crate  specific room(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 outside only (specify):  
 yard  garage  enclosed patio  other: \_\_\_\_\_

additional info: \_\_\_\_\_

When will the dog be inside? \_\_\_\_\_

When will he/she be outside? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog sleep at night?

- indoor/outdoor (doggy- door)  
 inside only (specify):  
 run of the house  crate  specific room(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 outside only (specify):  
 yard  garage  enclosed patio  
 dog house  other: \_\_\_\_\_

What rooms are off limits? \_\_\_\_\_

### And your yard.....

I do not have a yard at this time (skip to the next section)

What outside areas are available to the dog? (check all that apply)

- front yard  dog house  
 back yard  garage  
 enclosed patio  other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a doggie door?  YES  NO

Is your yard shared with neighbors?  YES  NO

Is your yard fenced?  YES  NO What is the type of fence? \_\_\_\_\_

Fence height? \_\_\_\_\_ Highest point \_\_\_\_\_ Lowest Point

Have you recently inspected your fences?  YES  NO

Are they in good condition with no holes or loose points?  YES  NO

If your dog will have free access to a fenced yard, where is it located?

front yard  back yard  side yard

Which of the following is used to secure your gate?

latch  padlock

keyed lock  other: \_\_\_\_\_

we do not lock our gate for the following reason: \_\_\_\_\_

If your gate does not have a lock, are you willing to install one?  YES  NO

Who has access to your yard? (check all that apply)

Gardner  Housekeeper

Pool man  Delivery

Utility  Neighbor

Postal worker  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where is the dog kept while they are working? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you trust your workers not to let the dog get out?  YES  NO

**If Interested in Adopting a Pit Bull/ Bully Breed:**

Have you owned a pit bull/ bully breed before?

YES  NO

If no, what is your experience with them? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you appreciate about this breed? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of the dog-aggression issues that may be present in this breed?

YES  NO

How are you prepared to address this should it arise? Please be specific: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your Experience with Dogs.....**

How would you describe your dog owning experience?

- I have had dogs of my own as an adult
- I grew up with dogs or have worked with them but have not had my own as an adult
- I have never had one or have limited experience with dogs
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How many dogs have you owned in the past 5 years? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to the other dog(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have pets?  YES  NO If yes, please complete the following:

Type Breed Gender Age Spay/Neutered? If not, why?

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How do you feel your current pets will adjust to a new dog in the house? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had experience with behavioral or medical issues with your previous or current pets?

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

If there are children in the household, please describe their experience with dogs:

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### **About this dog.....**

Why do you want to adopt a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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Share your reasons for wanting a dog? (check all that apply)

- family pet  gift for someone else  protection/guard dog
- companion  child's companion  companion for another pet
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How will you exercise your dog? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of training are you interested in doing with your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or would you be willing to enroll your current dog(s) in obedience classes?

YES       NO       only if I had problems

How would you discipline your dog if he or she misbehaved/ chewed household items? \_\_\_\_\_

What method do you intend to use to housetrain your dog? (check all that apply)

- Rub nose in offending spot                       Take out every couple of hours  
 Crate training     Consult professional  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If your dog were to develop behavioral problems, what will you do? \_\_\_\_\_

In which of the following situations might you allow your dog off leash?

- public park                       dog park                       beach  
 hike                                       neighborhood walk  
 back yard                       front yard

### Additional information.....

If your dog got out/ was lost, what would you do? \_\_\_\_\_

What food will you feed the dog? (Specify brand if known)

Dry \_\_\_\_\_ Canned \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like food recommendations?  Yes, please

Pets are an investment of your time and money. Can you afford to provide medical care, grooming, proper diet, shelter, and exercise for your new dog?  YES       NO

Other concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to make a long-term commitment to care for your pet for its entire life span, which could be as long as 15 years or more?  YES       NO

Other concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your monthly budget for your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your veterinarian (name and phone)? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not currently have a vet, would you like a referral?  Yes, please

If you move, what will you do with your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following reasons might force you to give up your dog? (Check all that apply):

- excessive barking/ neighbor complaints     aggressive on leash     destructive chewing

- biting/aggression     digging     divorce/separation     allergies  
 shedding/ dirty     not trainable     poor watchdog     moving/relocating  
 house-training problems     financial problems     growling/nipping at guests  
 excessive vet bills/chronic illness     having a baby     nips or bites children  
 new spouse/ partner doesn't like dogs     pets aren't getting along  
 None of the above  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments about why you would like to adopt this particular dog: \_\_\_\_\_

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Is there anything else you would like to share with us? \_\_\_\_\_

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**and finally.....**

Please read and initial each statement below:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that a home or virtual visit is required prior to final placement.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that a home visit does not guarantee placement.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to provide my own collar and leash at the time of completing the adoption contract.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to provide a personal ID tag for the dog by the end of the adoption trial.

**We reserve the right to refuse adoption to any applicant for any reason. This questionnaire becomes part of our contract.**