



# MISSION RESCUE ALLIANCE ADOPTION APPLICATION

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

inside only (specify):

run of the house

crate \_\_\_\_\_

outside only (specify):

yard  garage  enclosed patio  other: \_\_\_\_\_

additional information

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 \_\_\_\_\_

outside only (specify):



## 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

## 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:

**For pit bull/ bully breed adopters only:**

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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**About this dog...**

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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 develops 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)

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 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 about with us? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**and finally...**

Please read and initial each statement below:

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to provide my own collar, leash and a personal ID tag at the time of completing the adoption contract.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can give a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help offset the costs incurred preparing this dog for adoption. (Inability to make a donation does not disqualify an applicant from consideration.) I understand that any donation or contribution is a gift freely given, not a purchase price for a dog.

**We reserve the right to refuse adoption to any applicant for any reason. This questionnaire becomes part of our contract. *Once application is complete and signed please email to ert3@cornell.edu and info@missionrescuealliance.org.***

Adopter's  
Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

MRA Officer's  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Adopter's  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

MRA Officer's  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

