

# RUFFUS RESCUE ADOPTION APPLICATION

A completed application is required before we can consider you for a pet adoption. Applicants should be at least 21 years old and have a driver's license or other photo ID. We try to place animals in responsible, permanent homes while matching you with a pet that is suitable for you and your lifestyle and we reserve the right to refuse any applicant. False information may result in forfeiture of any animal adopted, as well as the adoption fee.

I AM INTERESTED IN: [dog's name] \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICANT INFORMATION: [PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY]

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name/phone number of additional contact : \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ANSWER ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOXES AND PROVIDING ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HELP US EVALUATE THE SUITABILITY OF THIS ADOPTION:

1. Did you come to our adoption site intending to adopt a dog today?  YES  NO
2. Why do you want to adopt this dog (check all that apply)?  FAMILY PET  CHILD'S  COMPANION  COMPANION FOR OTHER PET  
 WATCHDOG  HUNTING DOG  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you ever adopted a dog from Ruffus Rescue or another animal shelter, humane society or rescue group?  YES  NO  
If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is this dog? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How long have you lived at your current address? \_\_\_\_\_ How many times have you moved in the last 6 years? \_\_\_\_\_
5. My home is:  APARTMENT  HOUSE  CONDO/TOWNHOUSE  TRAILER/MOBILE HOME  URBAN LOFT  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ Would you allow Ruffus Rescue to do a home inspection, if necessary?  YES  NO
6. Do you  OWN  RENT  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
If you rent, does your landlord allow dogs?  YES  NO  
Is there a pet deposit?  YES  NO If yes, how much? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you already paid it?  YES  NO  
Name and phone of landlord or apartment complex \_\_\_\_\_
7. If you move, will your dog go with you?  YES  NO Would you ever consider moving somewhere that does not allow dogs?  YES  NO
8. How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_  SPOUSE/PARTNER  CHILDREN  GRANDCHILDREN  ROOMMATES  OTHER  
How many adults? \_\_\_\_\_ Children's ages \_\_\_\_\_  
Do all members of household know you plan to adopt a dog?  YES  NO  
Does anyone in household smoke?  YES  NO Is anyone in household allergic to animals?  YES  NO  
Does anyone in household have serious health problems that could have an impact on the dog's care?  YES  NO  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Can you provide a home for this dog for 10-15 years (average dog's lifespan)?  YES  NO  
Do you foresee any major life changes in the next 15 years (marriage, baby, college, health, etc.)?  YES  NO  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
If you date or marry someone who does not like or want your pets, what would you do? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you currently have any pets?  YES  NO  
If yes, please list type, age, sex, breed/mix \_\_\_\_\_
11. How many pets have you owned in the past 5 years? DOGS \_\_\_\_\_ CATS \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
Where are these pets now?  STILL WITH ME  DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES  DIED OF OTHER CAUSES  RAN AWAY/LOST  
 GIVEN AWAY  SOLD  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
12. Has any dog died on your premises of distemper, parvovirus or another contagious disease within the last 3 months?  YES  NO
13. Have any of your pets (past or present) lived primarily outdoors?  YES  NO  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Where do your current pets stay when home alone during the day? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Where do your current pets sleep at night?  DOG BED/CRATE  MY BED  CHILD'S BED  FREE RUN OF HOUSE  
 ONE ROOM IN HOUSE  BASEMENT  GARAGE  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
16. Are all your current pets spayed/neutered?  YES  NO If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Are your current pets' vaccinations up-to-date?  YES  NO
18. Do you know how to protect your dog from heartworms?  YES  NO  
Do all current dogs take a monthly heartworm preventive?  YES  NO If so, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Do your current pets wear ID tags?  YES  NO If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Where will your new dog stay most of the time?  INSIDE  OUTSIDE  BOTH
21. Will dog have access to the entire house?  YES  NO If not, where will this dog be allowed? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Will dog be allowed on the furniture?  YES  NO
23. How do you plan to control fleas and ticks?  FLEA BATH  FLEA SPRAY  FLEA COLLAR  TOPICAL TREATMENT  OTHER
24. Do you currently have a veterinarian?  YES  NO May we contact them?  YES  NO  
Name/phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
25. Do you plan to take your dog to the vet for full preventive and medical care at least once a year?  YES  NO
26. What do you expect annual pet care (food, pet supplies, vet care, medication, vaccinations, etc.) to cost? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Who will be responsible for the dog's daily care?  ME  SPOUSE  CHILDREN  ROOMMATE(S)  PARENT(S)  PETSITTER  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
28. What is the longest period of time the dog would be home alone on an average day? \_\_\_\_\_
29. Do you have a pet door?  YES  NO If not, would you consider installing one, if necessary?  YES  NO
30. Is there a yard available?  YES  NO If so, is it fully fenced, without gaps?  YES  NO Fence height: \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, would you consider fencing all or part of the yard as a condition of adopting a dog?  YES  NO
31. Do you have an outdoor doghouse or shelter?  YES  NO
32. If there is no fence, how do you plan to keep the dog on your property when outdoors?  CHAIN/TIE-OUT  RUNNER  PEN/KENNEL  
 RUN FREE  LEASH WALK ONLY  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ If tied-out, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_
33. Under what circumstances is it OK to leave a dog outside without supervision in an unfenced area?  IN QUIET SUBDIVISION  
 ON LARGE LOT  IN RURAL AREA  WHEN TRAINED TO STAY ON PROPERTY  NEVER  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
34. What do you plan to do with your dog when you go on vacation?  LEAVE IN CARE OF RELATIVES/FRIENDS/NEIGHBORS  PETSITTER  
 KENNEL  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
35. What procedures will you use for housebreaking?  CRATE TRAIN  NEWSPAPER/PEEPADS  SCOLD/PUNISH  
 SWAT WITH NEWSPAPER  OUTSIDE ONLY  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
36. What plans do you have for obedience training?  CLASSES  VIDEO  BOOKS  IN-HOME LESSONS  NONE  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
37. Have you ever had a serious behavioral problem with a pet?  YES  NO  
If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
38. If your dog develops a serious medical condition that becomes expensive, what will you do?  PAY WHATEVER IT TAKES  
 FIND DOG ANOTHER HOME  EUTHANIZE DOG  GIVE DOG TO ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP/SHELTER  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
39. If your dog develops a frequent urination problem when it is older, what will you do?  EUTHANIZE DOG BECAUSE IT IS OLDER  
 CONFINE DOG TO ONE ROOM  GIVE DOG TO RESCUE GROUP OR SHELTER  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
40. What circumstances would justify giving up your dog?  MOVING  NEW BABY  NOT GETTING ALONG WITH CHILDREN  
 NOT GETTING ALONG WITH OTHER PETS  DIVORCE  GETTING OUT OF FENCE  BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS  
 CHILDREN LOST INTEREST  FINANCIAL ISSUES  GOT TOO BIG  TOO TIME-CONSUMING  SHEDDING  ALLERGIES  
 BARKING  DOG'S MEDICAL PROBLEMS  FAMILY MEDICAL PROBLEMS  NONE  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing below, I am attesting to the truthfulness of my answers. Falsification of any of this information may be grounds for disallowing this adoption and the possible removal of adopted animals from my home.*

SIGNATURE OF ADOPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RUFFUS RESCUE REPRESENTATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_