

## PRE-SCREENING QUESTIONS

Before adopting a dog, you need to be aware of what is involved. Please do your research. Adopting a dog can be very rewarding, but it takes a lot of work, time, and dedication. Dogs are like babies. They often need to be housebroken, they chew, they get into everything, they need training and enrichment. All dogs must have consistency and structure in order for them to thrive, and be healthy and happy. Please understand that when you bring a pet into your home, no matter where it comes from, seldom are they "perfect" and can present varying challenges. Adopting a dog from a shelter or a rescue, you must keep in mind that a majority of these animals were let down by people before, and trust takes time. We ask that you are patient, and keep that in mind. Please make sure you are able to provide this for your potential dog. If you cannot commit to these requirements, please reconsider adopting a dog. If you are a dedicated person, willing to give your time and training, please answer the following questions:

### **\*\*Basic Information\*\***

- Name
- Address
- Best phone number
- Email address

### **\*\*Household Information\*\***

- Are you over 18 years old?
- Do you rent or own your home?
- If renting, does your lease allow pets, and do they have breed or size limitations that could impede potentially adopting?
- How many adults and children (ages of children too, if any) live in your home?

### **\*\*Pet History\*\***

- Do you currently have any pets? If yes, please provide details.

- Have you owned a dog before?
- Have you ever rehomed, given away, or surrendered a pet? If so, please elaborate.
- Are your current pets spayed/neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations?
- Please provide the name of your current/or last veterinarian and their contact information.

#### **\*\*Lifestyle\*\***

- How would you describe your activity level?
- How much time can you commit to exercising a dog daily?
- Do you have a fenced yard? If not, how do you plan to exercise and potty the dog?

#### **\*\*Work and Schedule\*\***

- What is your typical work schedule like?
- How many hours a day will the dog be left alone?
- Do you have a plan for pet care if you travel or work long hours?

#### **\*\*Preferences\*\***

- What size and breed of dog are you interested in?
- Are you looking for a specific age or gender?
- What energy level are you comfortable with?

#### **\*\*Training and Discipline\*\***

- How do you plan to train and discipline your dog?
- Are you willing to attend obedience training classes?

- What behaviors (i.e., chewing, housebreaking), if any, would cause you to return the dog?

**\*\*Understanding of Responsibilities\*\***

- Are you aware of the time, effort, and costs involved in pet ownership?
- Will you take the recommended steps given to you by the shelter/and or foster to ensure a smooth transition for the dog into your home?
- When considering the adoption of any dog, it is essential to factor medical expenses that come along with owning a dog over the years, whether it's routine care, emergency, or unforeseen circumstances that develop as the dog ages. Are you adequately prepared to meet the financial requirements associated with potentially adopting this dog?
- Do you have a plan if there is an unexpected life change? (ie: loss of job or loss of a home)?