



### **A Tale of Paws**

### **Dog Adoption Application**

**Please read all information below before proceeding!**

We charge a non-refundable deposit of \$25 towards the adoption fee. This deposit is subtracted from the adoption fee upon adoption approval.

- You must be at least 21 years of age to adopt.
- We do not accept applications for dogs that are not promoted as being currently available.
- Please be prepared to show a copy of your deed or lease to our volunteers.
- Once approved, your application is good for 6 months.
- All animals in the home must be current on DHPP/Rabies vaccine, as well as spayed or neutered.
- We require background checks for all applicants, as well as those living in the home. By completing an application, you are agreeing to a background check.
- We may deny an application not meeting the aforementioned requirements or if we feel the home may not be a good fit.
- Once a volunteer receives your application, they will reach out via email. Applications who do not respond to the rescue administration / adopters in a 48-hour time frame, will have their application discarded.
- Applicants who are a no show for their meet and greet, or cancel last minute, may be subjected to their application being removed.
- After you application is approved, you will be notified via phone call. Dogs residing in the home will need to meet the dog be adopted.
- Please keep in mind that applications can take up to 1 week to process, due to the volume of applicants, reference checks and ensuring that we process applications thoroughly. If it has been more than 2 weeks, please email us at [ataleofpaws@gmail.com](mailto:ataleofpaws@gmail.com). Applicants who do not meet specific criteria for a dog that is detailed in their listing will not have their application processed.
- Please keep in mind that a dog and or cat is an approximate commitment of 1- 17-year commitment. Most of the animals in our program come from places of abuse, neglect and other mistreatment. They require understanding, time, patience and many of them, training. Please do not apply if you do not feel you are capable of giving a dog or cat at least 6 weeks to acclimate to their new environment.
- Typically, we do get more than one application per listed animal. We make placement decisions based on the best interest of the animal. Having an approved application does not guarantee you any specific animal.
- When applying, please give your vet permission to speak to us to help expedite the application process.

**Adoptions Fees:**

Puppies- <8 months	\$400
8 months and a day - 6 years	\$350
6 years n a day – <9 years	\$300
9 years and a day and older	\$275

**PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print):**

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

**HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION:****How many people are in your household?**

Adults over the age of 21 (including self): \_\_\_\_\_ Children (under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in the household have allergies to dogs or cats?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you live in:** HOUSE APARTMENT CONDO DUPLEX MOBILE HOME TOWNHOME**Do you:** OWN RENT LEASE

How long have you been at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

**If renting/leasing, are there pet restrictions?** YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If yes, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's name \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's phone \_\_\_\_\_

*If renting, we will contact your landlord to ask if adopting animals in your home is acceptable.  
You will not be able to adopt until we receive positive confirmation.*

**Please list all of your current pets:**

Dog/Cat	Breed	Name	Age	M/F	Altered?	How long owned?

*Please use back of application if you run out of space. We recommend all other animals in your home be up to date on vaccinations. If you have any concerns, please discuss the idea of adopting animals with your veterinarian.*

**Who will be the primary caretaker of your adopted dog(s)?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Describe your yard:**

No yard                  Unfenced yard                  Partially fenced yard                  Completely fenced yard

Height of fence: \_\_\_\_\_ Made of?      Wood      Chain link      Brick      Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you describe your level of experience with dogs? *check all that apply***

Never had a dog                                  Had childhood pet dog

Had one or more as an adult                  Have experience with powerful breeds

Have experience working with on-going medical problems with a personal dog

Have experience working at a boarding kennel/resort/pet sitting service etc.,

Have experience working with behavioral problems with a personal dog

Have experience working in a veterinary hospital

Am a professional dog trainer

Have previous foster/rescue experience, if yes, please describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have experience with:** small dogs    medium dogs    large dogs

**List experience with specific breeds:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What types of dogs are you interested in adopting? *Check all that apply***

Adult dog	Puppies
Mother with nursing puppies	Unweaned puppies/Bottle babies
Special needs dog/puppy	Injured dog/puppy
Dog/puppy with behavioral issues	Long-term hospice care
Pit Bull/Bully breeds	Senior

**On AVERAGE How many hours during the day will this dog spend WITHOUT a human?**

\_\_\_\_\_

Where will the adopted animal be when someone is home?

\_\_\_\_\_

Where will the adopted animal be when alone \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this adopted animal sleep at night?

**What situations do you feel unprepared for?**

Excessive barking

Digging

Shy or fearful

Not good with small animals/cats

Providing on-going training

Special Needs

Destructive chewing

Escaping

Not good with children

Scratching/biting

Very high activity level

Under-socialized

Not housetrained

Resource (food/toy) aggression

Not good with other dogs

Administering medications

Deaf/Blind dogs

Dog selective

**Do you have a preference on:**

Size?      YES      NO      If yes, please list size preference:

Breed?      YES      NO      If yes, please list breed you prefer:

Age?      YES      NO      If yes, please list age preference:

Please tell us anything else you would like us to know to help match you up with the right adopted animal:

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**Please read the following carefully:**

A Tale of Paws determines the criteria for adopting, decides which animals are eligible for adoption. A Tale of Paws will require you to fill out an adoption application prior to being accepted as an adoptive parent.

If for any reason the adoption does not work out, the pet is to be returned to A Tale of Paws and not promised to or placed with anyone, or imply that you have the authority to approve or re-home.

A Tale of Paws will not adopt to those convicted of violent crimes involving animal cruelty, abuse or neglect.

The adoptive parent is responsible for transporting and or coordinating transportation of their adoptive to and from veterinary appointments, surgery, and behavior evaluations, etc.,.

I have read and understand the statements above. I certify that all the information contained in this application is true and correct,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witnessed By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Return Application to:**

A Tale of Paws,  
Attn: Dog Coordinator Program Team,  
PO Box 1512 Horsham, PA 19044  
**Email:** [ataleofpaws@gmail.com](mailto:ataleofpaws@gmail.com)

**Adoption Application**

We conduct background checks on all potential adopters to ensure that we are placing our dogs in safe and stable homes. By submitting this application, you are consenting Philly Bully Team to run a background check.

- Non-refundable adoption fee deposit\*

Price:

(covers cost of processing 1 application)

NON-REFUNDABLE Deposit must be paid at the time of submission for A Tale of Paws to review. This deposit will be deducted from your adoption fee once your adoption is finalized!

By clicking the submit button, you are acknowledging and agreeing that the application fee is non-refundable and helps goes toward our operating costs and care of our animals. The \$25 application fee is applicable whether your application is approved or denied. Please be sure that you meet all of the criteria listed above before applying. If you have further questions, please email.