



Dog Pre-Adoption Application

This questionnaire is an attempt to learn more about you, your family and lifestyle, and the kind of dog you wish to join your family. We try very hard to make a "perfect" match on the first try, to benefit you and the dog.

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Employment: Primary Adopter: _____ Secondary: _____

Working Hours: Same shifts? Alternating shifts? Regular hours? I want to know how long this dog will be left alone most days. _____ Or none? _____

People living in the home: _____

Especially children and ages; elderly or handicapped people that could be hindered by a dog.

Please verify that the "main adopter" is over 21: _____

What kind of dog would you like? List two- three breeds, sex, age range, and if you could handle a dog with special needs (like blindness, deafness, epilepsy)?

Are all of the people living in the home agreeable to owning a pet dog? _____

Will everyone help to take care of the dog or will this become the responsibility of one person?

Is anyone known to be allergic to dog dander? _____ If so, how will you deal with this? _____

Vet reference: Name, city, phone: If no Vet, please list a professional or unrelated reference:

May we contact your vet for a reference? _____ May we obtain information about past pets you've owned? _____

Another reference: _____

Please describe your home and yard: Single dwelling/apartment/townhouse/renting; pool on property? Is pool enclosed by fencing? Is house close to road? Close to neighbors? (Circle applicable items or describe for yourself.)

Do you have fencing? _____ If yes, please describe (as metal, wood or other?) _____

Is fence attached to house? _____ Height? _____ How much yard does it enclose (font/back)? _____

Number of gates? _____ Is it in good repair? _____ Could a dog go under or over it easily? _____

If you don't have a fenced yard, how will the dog exercise and relieve itself? _____

If you rent, does your landlord allow pets and know that you are adopting? _____

Name and phone number of landlord: _____

How many hours per day will this dog be left alone? ____ Will it be crated or loose in the house or kenneled or tied in the yard? (Circle or give own response.) _____

Do you travel often? _____ Would you take the dog with you, board it or make other provisions? _____

Are you aware of the costs of pet ownership (food, vet, dental, grooming, etc -which could cost about \$1000 for the first dog, according to the Humane Society)? Are you financially able to afford ongoing care for this dog? _____

If you presently own other pets, please list and describe --Age, breed, sex, how long you've had them; are they spayed/neutered? (Ex: 6 y.o. spayed dachshund owned since 2 y.o. - from rescue; 1 y.o. neutered cat from breeder.) _____

Were you raised around dogs or are you an experienced dog owner? _____

Are you familiar with the breed of dog you are requesting to adopt? _____
Have you owned one before or do you own one now or know one well from within the family? _____

What are you looking for in this dog: Companionship, a warning barker, a guard dog, a hunting dog, hiking partner, a dog for agility training, other? _____

Any other qualities you are looking for? _____

Are you aware of the value of crating a dog to give it a quiet, safe space of its own, but never using it too long or as punishment? _____ Do you believe in crating? _____

*If you must crate a full-grown dog for more than 9 hours per day without a bathroom break, please consider getting a pet cat instead. Dogs are social animals and many cannot maintain bowel and bladder control for longer than that.

Ideally, we (or cooperating rescue group/representative) should visit your home before you adopt. This gives us an over-all picture of the dog's new environment, & we may be able to make suggestions to help you get ready for your new family member. Would you have any objection to this? _____ May we visit before & after placement? _____

The information in this form will become part of your adoption agreement if you adopt a dog from us. We may reclaim custody of a dog if responsible care is not provided: dog must live indoors & get vetted annually/as needed.

Please remember that all of us are working together on behalf of this dog's lifetime of care, and this contract is to enforce the spirit of this agreement.

Our adoption fee is minimal for services provided, more for dogs that require full vetting or sterilization before adoption. Our adoption agreement requires that you return the dog to us if you are unable to keep it. If a dog has an appointment to be spayed or neutered, we expect you to agree to have the animal to the appointment. We can accommodate dates, but you MUST be there or the dog MUST be returned. Over six million unwanted pets are euthanized each year, and we ask that you share in the responsibility of not adding to that problem. We will try our best to match you up with a family pet that will offer you its lifetime in companionship.

All dog owners should have knowledge of their breed before acquiring one. Suggested reading: Mutts: America's Dogs by Brain Kilcommons & Michael Capuuzzo (1996) and The Right Dog for You by Daniel Tortora (1980).

Books on problem dog behaviors: The Dog Who Loved Too Much by Dr. Nicholas Dodman (1996) & The Culture Clash by Jean Donaldson.

Please dog-proof your house. Prepare ahead by removing poisonous plants, household chemicals, garbage (like chicken bones!), and easy access to chocolate (that can cause death to a dog). Use baby gates and close off pets from dangerous areas; check outside fencing and gates for weakness or escape routes.

Although we will try to be very honest about a dog's known background, breed, habits, and personality, you can expect a "get-acquainted" time together. Be aware that the dog may be anxious and frightened on its first day in your home. Anticipate a reasonable adjustment period. At first, it may appear nervous, have loose stools, vomit, or forget its houstraining manners. Being forewarned is a major step in the adjustment phase.