

DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

* If ALL of the questions have not been answered, your application will NOT be considered.

Name of dog(s) you are interested in:

ADOPTER INFORMATION

Name (First, middle initial, last):

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Work phone: _____

Age: _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

How long have you lived at your current address? _____

Do you own or rent? _____

If you rent, are there pet restrictions? _____

If you rent please provide your landlords name and phone number:

*If you rent please be aware there are often times there are restrictions on

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what breed of dog you may own and/or weight restrictions. Please have approval from your landlord BEFORE submitting this application and be aware of pet deposits and/or monthly fees required by your landlord.

*If you rent, we will be contacting your landlord to get approval for you to adopt your pet, or you may have your landlord sign the attached form at the end of this application.

Please list all adult (18+) family member(s) name(s), age(s), and birthday(s). For names include first, middle initial, and last.

Do you have children? _____ How many? _____

Please list your children's age(s): _____

Please list all of your current pets including names, ages, male/female, if spayed/neutered, what type of pet, and how long you have owned them.

Are all of your animals up to date on vaccinations, deworming, heartworm prevention, flea tick medication, etc.? If some please explain.

What brand of heartworm preventative do you use? _____

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What brand of flea and tick prevention do you use? _____

SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Have you ever been issued a citation for your pet or had to reclaim your pet from the animal/control shelter? If yes, please explain.

Have you ever turned in an animal to local animal control or given up an animal? If so, what was the reason?

Do you have a criminal record or are a felon? If yes, please explain.

Do you have a fenced in yard? _____

How high is the fence? _____

What kind of fence? _____

Fenced front yard? _____

Fenced back yard? _____

Just a fenced enclosure? _____

*If you do not have a fenced in yard, are you prepared to walk your dog multiple times a day in spite of weather conditions?

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

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 working with on-going medical problems with a

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personal dog

___ Have experience working with behavioral problems with a personal dog

___ Have experience working in a veterinary hospital

___ I am a professional dog trainer

___ Have previous foster/rescue experience

Do you have experience with:

___ small dogs ___ medium dogs ___ large dogs

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

Where will this dog be when alone? _____

Where will this dog sleep at night? _____

If kenneled, how many hours a day will the dog spend in kennel? _____

Describe your current lifestyle: (active, travels frequently, couch potato, etc)

If you went on vacation, what would be your plans for your pet?

*Please consider how a dog will fit into your lifestyle.

Does anyone in your home have any type of allergies to animals?

If yes, who?

If yes, how will this be handled to the best interest of your family member and pet?

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If you have to move, what would you do with your adopted dog?

What circumstances would you have to surrender your pet? Divorce? New baby? Allergies? Aggression? Housebreaking issues? Please explain.

Do you plan to enroll your adopted dog into obedience classes or would you if needed?

Can you financially afford veterinarian costs for your adopted dog?
Emergency cost?

What would you do if this animal had an unexpected vet bill or emergency that you could not afford?

Do you understand routine vet care (Vaccinations, dewormings, heartworm test, heartworm prevention, flea tick medication, etc) can cost up to \$500 or more every year? _____

Would you be willing to housebreak this animal if needed?

Do you understand even if a dog is housebroken they may still have accidents until they get on your schedule/routine or adjust to the new home? This could take up to a few days to a week or longer depending on the animal. _____

Do you understand puppy behavior and are you willing to deal with puppy

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chewing, barking, accidents, whining or crying, etc? _____

Are you willing to crate train this animal if needed? _____

Do you understand this pet may whine, cry, and bark in a crate until properly crate trained? _____

If this is an animal that requires grooming, are you prepared for frequent grooming costs? _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES

*Your personal references should not be relatives.

Personal Reference #1:

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Best time to call? _____

Email: _____

Relationship: _____

Personal Reference # 2:

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Best time to call? _____

Email: _____

Relationship: _____

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VETERINARY REFERENCE

Veterinarian's name: _____

Practice Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone number: _____

*Please contact your vet's office prior to returning this application and grant them permission for us to verify your information.

Filing of this application in no way guarantees your adoption of a dog from Tennessee Tails Rescue. By signing your name to the contract below, your application attests that the information you have given is accurate and true and also gives your current and past veterinarian permission to provide all information requested by us in regard to medical and preventative care they provided to any current and past pets. You also give permission to perform background checks to ensure that the applicant is a suitable adopter for a pet and does not have a history of animal abuse/neglect or other such offenses. The information contained in this application is material to our decision to place a dog into a home and becomes part of the contract in the event you adopt a dog from us. In the event you adopt a dog, you are agreeing here that the terms of the adoption contract are fully applicable even should you fail to sign the final adoption contract.

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ADOPTION CONTRACT

*Please READ and INITIAL all statements.

Please read the following carefully:

The parties hereto agree that the owners shall abide by the following conditions:

_____, hereinafter referred to as the dog/cat, is being transferred to the adopting owner with the understanding that the adopter is taking possession of the dog/cat to treat and to be responsible for it as their own dog/cat.

_____ The dog/cat will be treated as a family member with loving care and affection. I will do my best to ensure the dog/cat's safety and well-being.

_____ I/we will feed the dog/cat at least twice a day and will provide a fresh supply of water at all times.

_____ The dog/cat will live inside my home and will not be isolated from the family.

_____ I will walk my dog on a leash or exercise my dog in a fenced yard, which must be provided unless waived by TTR.

_____ I will never let my dog/cat run loose or roam, keep my dog chained or tied up, keep it continuously in a yard, garage, patio, balcony, or pen, or leave my dog/cat outdoors, even in a fenced yard when no one is at home.

_____ I will not have the dog attack-trained nor will I use it for any purpose other than companionship. I will not have the dog's ears cropped nor will I have its tail docked.

_____ I will never allow any physical, mental, or emotional abuse of

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the dog/cat.

_____ I will take the dog/cat to a licensed veterinarian when vaccinations are due, but in no event later than one year from the last vet visit.

_____ I will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care, including: rabies shots as required every one or three years; bordetella (kennel cough) shot, yearly booster shots for DHLPPC, routine deworming, a yearly heartworm test, kept on flea/tick prevention and heartworm prevention; and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury.

_____ If not already done, I will have the dog/cat spayed/neutered by _____ and will immediately forward proof to TTR. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the immediate return of the dog/cat to TTR.

_____ If any accidental breeding has taken place, puppies/kittens will be turned over to TTR and owner will be responsible for all legal fees.

_____ I/we affirm that no member of my household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment etc.

_____ I will ensure compliance with all applicable local and state statutes.

_____ I will not use a correction/prong style collar at any time, except for training under the guidance of a qualified dog trainer.

_____ I am adopting the dog/cat for myself and I agree to not give away, sell, or trade my dog/cat, even as a gift to a friend or family member.

_____ I will neither take the dog/cat to a shelter nor abandon the dog/cat.

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_____ I understand that I must notify TTR, without delay, if I can no longer care for or keep my dog/cat and agree to give TTR reasonable time to re-home my dog/cat or place my dog/cat in an approved foster home, if available.

_____ I must notify TTR of any behavioral problems that have occurred at any time before I return my dog/cat and I agree to pay for a professional trainer's evaluation in case of biting or aggression.

_____ If dog is removed from property, harmed, sold, or transferred without express written permission from TTR, TTR will pursue through the legal system for costs and damages, including all legal fees.

_____ I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the dog at my own risk and I release TTR and its agents from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of my dog/cat.

_____ I agree that I am assuming total financial responsibility for my pet as of the date of this contract. TTR and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other) incurred during my ownership of the dog/cat.

_____ In the event the dog/cat becomes lost or dies, I will immediately notify TTR.

_____ I will immediately notify TTR of any change of contact information (address, phone number, or email address).

_____ This dog/cat's known background and medical history have been discussed with me. I understand that TTR has made no representation concerning the health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the dog/cat.

_____ I agree to permit TTR to make inquiry about and enforce any of the above conditions and requirements at any time after adoption. This

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can include visits to my home and contact with my veterinarian.

_____ I understand that failure to comply with any of the above provisions will result in forfeiture of the dog/cat to Tennessee Tails Rescue.

_____ I understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I am entering into a legal and binding contract with TTR. Breach of any term(s) of this agreement is deemed actionable by TTR.

Signature & Date:

Witnessed by & Date:
