

Dog Adoption Application

This may seem like an excessively detailed, even invasive, questionnaire, but please keep in mind that the more information we have about you, your household and your expectations of your rescued dog, the easier it will be to make a successful match. Finding the perfect match between adopter and dog is our most important goal. *Helping Hands Rescue reserves the right to refuse adoption to anyone. No animals will be adopted to prospective owners who mislead or fail to provide accurate information on the adoption application.*

Are you inquiring about a specific dog?

Date:

Name:

Birthday:

Address:

City:

State:

Email Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Zip:

1. Have you applied to adopt a rescue dog or other companion pet from another group?
2. How many adults in the household?
Please list their names, ages and occupations:
3. How many children in the household?
Please list their names and ages:
4. If no children in the home, do grandchildren, nieces/nephews or other kids ever visit?
5. Who will be the primary caregiver for the new dog?
6. Does this person work away from the home?
7. How many hours per day will the dog be left alone?
8. How long at current address?
9. Is it a house, condo, apartment or other (please specify)?
10. Do you own or rent?
11. If you rent, please provide the name and phone number of the property owner:
12. Do you have a securely fenced yard?
If so, what type of fence is it (wood, chain link, block wall, etc.)?
How high is it?
13. Is there a doggie door leading to the yard?
14. If you do not have a fenced yard, where and how often do you plan to take your dog to potty?

Will the dog be on a leash?
15. Under what circumstances would you allow your dog to be off-leash?
16. Are there any areas of the house where the dog will not be allowed?
If so, how will you keep the dog out of them?
17. Will the dog be allowed on the furniture?
If not, how will you keep it off the furniture?
18. Will the dog be given the run of the house when no one is at home?
19. Where will the dog sleep?

Most dogs enjoy the security of their crate, although a few will not like being confined. Will you provide a crate for your new dog?

21. Have you ever trained a dog to respond to simple commands?

If so, how would you describe the method you used?

22. How will you discipline your new dog for undesirable behavior?

23. If your new dog is not housetrained, how will you housetrain it?

24. Are you aware that even housetrained dogs need a period of adjustment in a new home?

25. What will you do if the dog has "accidents" in the house?

26. How many dogs have you owned?

27. How long did you have your last dog?

How long ago?

28. Did you have the dog until it died?

If so, at what age did it die?

29. If not, what happened to it?

30. Was it spayed/neutered?

31. Do you currently have a dog(s)?

If so, please list their breed, age, sex and whether they are spayed/neutered:

32. Where have your previous or current dogs mostly lived, indoors or outdoors?

33. Do you have any other pets or farm animals?

If so, please list species:

34. If you have a cat(s), describe how you hope your new dog will interact with it:

35. Do you or anyone in the household smoke? (*This only matters for animals with certain health issues.*)

36. How do you intend to exercise your new dog?

37. Do you have what you consider an active lifestyle or are you more the couch potato type?

38. Do you travel a lot?

39. When you go out of town, what arrangements will you make for the care of your rescued dog?

40. If anything were to happen to you, what do you anticipate would happen to your dog?

41. Why do you want a dog (or another dog) at this time?

42. Why do you want this dog in particular?

43. Have you ever had a rescued dog before?

44. Why do you want a rescued dog?

45. What characteristics do you especially want in your new dog?

46. What characteristics do you not want in your new dog?

47. What will you do if your new dog has some unwanted characteristics?

48. What is the age range of the dog you hope to adopt?

49. What sex and why?

51. Are you willing to adopt a special needs dog (requires medication, deaf or blind, etc.)?

52. What will you do if your rescued dog barks a lot?

Please provide the name and phone number of your current or previous veterinarian:

Please provide the names and phone numbers of two personal references, not including family members:

Do you agree to have a representative of **Helping Hands Rescue** visit your home prior to adoption?

Do you agree to pay an adoption fee, depending on the dog's age, health and possible special needs?

I agree to alter the animal adopted through Helping Hands Rescue within 2 weeks if animal is not already altered – puppy within 6 months. I understand that if I fail to comply, the animal may be removed from my home, without refund of adoption fee, by Helping Hands Rescue.

Exceptions:

Signature of new owner: _____

I agree to provide adequate food, shelter, water, medical treatment and humane treatment at all times.

I understand that Helping Hands Rescue reserves the right to investigate the care, treatment and environment of adopted animals at any time, and has the right to immediately remove any animal adopted through them, if they feel it is in the best interest of the animal. Adoption fees will not be refunded after a period of 2 weeks.

Adoption fees for dogs start at \$150. Additional charges may be added for expenses for medical, boarding, etc., that we have paid for animal.

Upon adoption, HHR relinquishes all responsibility of the adopted dog to the new adoptive owner. HHR will not be held liable for any personal liabilities or damage to property or financial indebtedness incurred for the care of the adopted animal after adoption.

Applicant Signature

Date

Typing your name to this electronic form constitutes your consent and signature.

Thank you for completing this application and thank you for wanting to give a forever home to one of our rescued animals!

SEND TO: pollybenson@yahoo.com

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Helping Hands Rescue Representative

Date