



ADOPT-A-PET DOG ADOPTION GUIDELINES

ALL PROSPECTIVE ADOPTERS MUST:

- Be 21 years of age and have a valid ID with a current verifiable permanent address and permanent verifiable local phone number.
- Ensure that the head of household and all other adults living in the household have consented to the adoption.
- Bring all children and as many adult family members as possible to meet the dog and Adopt-A-Pet representative before the adoption.
- Have the financial ability to pay adoption fee and ongoing expenses to care for dog, including routine and emergency veterinary care, grooming, and training.
- Make a commitment to properly and humanely obedience train the dog, enrolling the dog in formal classes or hiring a professional trainer if necessary to address specific behavior problems.
- Ensure that dogs are allowed in rented housing. Renters must show copy of lease or other proof from landlord that the dog is allowed.
- Fill out the Adoption Application, and understand that the application has to be approved and that the approval process may take 24-48 hrs. or longer.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING A DOG, YOU MUST FIRST BE INTERVIEWED BY AN ADOPTION COUNSELOR. YOU MAY DO THIS IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- 1) Call 847-870-8999 and leave a message in Mailbox Number 1.
- 2) Send in a FIND A PET form from our website www.adoptapet-il.org (Click on HOW TO ADOPT - FIND THE PURRFECT PET).
- 3) Fill out this Application and fax to 866-648-2603. If you have already spoken to an Adoption Counselor, be sure to fill in that person's name on the "Attn:" line so we make sure it gets routed to the right person.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE APPLICATION IS FILLED OUT IN ITS ENTIRETY.



IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE REALIZE THAT THERE MAY BE APPLICATIONS ALREADY PENDING ON THE DOG OR PUPPY THAT YOU'VE SET YOUR HEART ON. APPLICATIONS ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVE BASIS, BUT IN THE EVENT THERE ARE MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS ON THE SAME ANIMAL WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SELECT THE HOME THAT WE FEEL BEST SUITS THAT PARTICULAR ANIMAL.



ADOPT-A-PET DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

Attn: _____

Thank you for your co-operation in answering the following questions. Please understand that our first obligation is to the welfare of our animals. It is our responsibility to find **permanent** loving homes for each of them. Therefore, we have adoption guidelines in place and we reserve the right to deny any adoption we feel is unsuitable. If your application is approved, you will be called to arrange to meet animals you're interested in or pick up an animal that you've already decided on. You will be expected to bring a collar with tag, choke chain or harness, and a leash.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Apt. # _____ Work Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____

Do you Rent or Own? _____ House Apartment Condo Mobile Home Dorm w/ Parents

How long at current address? _____ If less than 2 yrs., what was your previous address? _____

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If a renter, does your lease allow pets? _____ How many? _____ Name/phone of landlord _____

Do you plan on moving in the foreseeable future? _____

If you ever moved into a building that did not allow pets, what would you do with your dog? _____

If you moved out of state, what would you do with your dog? _____

If you died or became incapacitated, what would happen to your dog? _____

Do you attend school? Work full time? Work part time? School or work hours _____

Employer: _____ Phone: _____

Are you single? Married? Have roommate? Spouse's or roommate's name: _____

of adults in household: _____ Relationship of other adults in household _____

of children in household: _____ Ages of girls _____ Ages of boys _____

Is anyone home during the day? _____ If not, how many hours will pet be left alone? _____

Where will your dog be kept during the day? _____ Night? _____ When alone? _____

How will you provide for your dog when you are out of town? _____

Have you ever had a pet before? _____ Number and types of pets _____

Where are these pets now? _____

What pets do you currently have at home? # of dogs _____ Ages _____

of cats _____ Ages _____ Other: _____

How did you acquire these pets? _____

Are your current pets indoor or outdoor pets? _____ Are they spayed/neutered? _____

Will your new dog be an indoor pet? Outdoor pet? Indoor/outdoor pet?

Who is your veterinarian? _____ **Phone #** _____

What name(s) are your pet(s) listed under at your vet? _____

Do you agree to spay or neuter your new dog? _____ Do you have a fenced yard? _____ Fence Height _____

Have you ever had to give up a pet? _____ Under what circumstances? (Why?) _____

What did you do with it? _____

Does everyone in your household wish to adopt a dog? _____

Why do you want to adopt a dog? Companion For a Child Watch Dog

To breed Companion for another pet Gift Other: _____

Does anyone in your household have an allergy to dogs? _____

If so, how will you handle the situation? _____

Who will be primarily responsible for: Feeding the dog _____ Pooper scooper _____

Grooming the dog _____ Walking the dog _____ Training the dog _____

Do you have any experience with dog training? _____ If yes, please describe _____

Are you willing to attend obedience classes at your own expense? _____

Which of the following dog behaviors/characteristics present a problem for you?

Jumping on furniture Chewing on shoes/furniture Shedding

Barking/Howling Jumping on people Digging

How will you resolve this problem? _____

If your pet developed a medical condition that cost more than \$250 to treat, what would you do? _____

Have you ever adopted from a Humane Organization in the past? _____ If yes, which one? _____

It may take a pet a month or longer to adjust to a new home. Are you willing to allow this much time for adjustment? _____

Are you willing to provide a permanent home to this dog for its lifetime? (15-20 yrs.)? _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Adopting a dog or a puppy is a serious responsibility. A dog you adopt today will likely be a part of your family for the next 10 to 20 years. Each dog has its own distinct personality and preferences, some of which you can help shape, others which you cannot change. A pet makes considerable demands on your time and resources. Dog owners need to spend time socializing, grooming, feeding, scooping poop and playing with their dog each day. Dogs that have not had training need even more time and socialization. All dogs require special food and regular veterinary care; expenses could exceed \$500 a year, not including unforeseen veterinary expenses. Start-up costs could be another \$50-\$100.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNING A DOG? _____

Personal references:

Name _____ Phone # _____ Relationship _____

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