



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: _____ Spouse/Partner Employment: _____

Please tell us about your work schedule(s): _____

How long will the dog be left alone most days? _____

Please tell us about the people living in your home (including children with ages and anyone else who lives with you): _____

Please initial to verify that the 'main adopter' is over 21. _____

Are all of the people living in the home agreeable to owning a pet dog? yes no

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

Does anyone in your household have a known allergy to dog dander? yes no

If so, how will you deal with this? _____

Veterinary reference (name, city, phone): _____

May we contact your veterinarian's office for a reference? yes no

May we obtain information about past pets you've owned? yes no

Please provide at least one other reference (name and phone): _____

Please tell us a little about your home and yard.

Circle one: single dwelling (house) apartment townhouse Circle one: rent own

Is there a pool on your property? yes no If yes, is the pool enclosed by fencing? yes no

Is your house close to a main road? yes no Close to neighbors? yes no

Do you have fencing? yes no

If yes, please describe (as metal, wood or other?) _____

If yes, is your fence attached to the house? yes no Height? _____

Surrounding front yard, back yard, or both? _____

Number of gates? _____

Approximately how much yard area does it enclose? _____

Is it in good repair? yes no Could a dog go under or over it easily? yes no

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? yes no

Name and phone number of landlord: _____

How many hours per day will this dog be left alone? _____

Will it be crated, loose in the house, kenneled or tied in the yard? _____

Do you travel often? _____

Would you take the dog with you, board it or make other arrangements? _____

Are you aware of the costs of pet ownership (including but not limited to food, veterinary expenses, dental care, and grooming needs – which could cost about \$1000/year for the first dog, according to the Humane Society of the U.S.)? yes no

Are you financially able to afford ongoing care for this dog? yes no

If you presently own other pets, please list and describe them here. (Use the back if you need more space.)

| Breed/type of animal | Age | Sex | Spayed/neutered? | How long have you had this pet? |
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What kind of dog would you like? List two or three breeds, sex, age range, and whether or not you could handle a dog with special needs (like blindness, deafness, epilepsy)? _____

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?) yes no

What are you looking for in this dog? (Companionship, a warning barker, a guard dog, a hunting dog, a hiking companion, a dog for agility training?) _____

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? yes no Do you plan to use a crate with this dog? yes no

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 a cooperating rescue group/representative) will visit your home before you adopt an animal from us. This gives us an overall picture of the dog's new environment, and we may be able to make suggestions to help you get ready for your new family member.

Do you have any objections to this? yes no

May we have a visit before and after placement? yes no

The information you give in this form will become part of your adoption agreement if you adopt a dog from us. Our group may reclaim custody of a dog if responsible care is not provided. As part of this agreement, any dog you adopt from us must live indoors and be vetted annually or 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.

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.

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 bring 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 Brian Kilcommons and Michael Capuuzzo (1996) and The Right Dog for You by Daniel Tortora (1980). A wonderful book on problem dog behaviors is The Dog Who Loved Too Much by Dr. Nicholas Dodman (1996). Also good is 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.

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 housetraining manners. Being forewarned is a major step in the adjustment phase.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. We look forward to helping you find the perfect dog for your family! Stay up-to-date on our adoptable dogs by visiting our website at www.luvnpupz.org or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/luvnpupz.