



Dog Adoption Application

Name of dog(s): _____

Thank you for applying to adopt a dog(s). Submitting an application means you: 1) have read our adoption policies, and 2) agree to abide by them. Our adoption fee is \$250 per dog/puppy.

Main Policies:

- ❖ Dogs must be for adopter's household only, not a gift.
- ❖ Dogs must be kept inside when no one is home.
- ❖ Adoptions are a lifetime commitment.

Veterinary Care:

Dogs receive the following vet care prior to adoption:

- ❖ Exam(s)
- ❖ Age-appropriate vaccinations
- ❖ Treatment for worms, fleas etc.
- ❖ Care for injuries or illnesses, as needed

Spay/Neuter (S/N):

- ❖ Dogs/puppies over 6 months of age are S/N prior to adoption
- ❖ We determine when to S/N animals based on: age, weight, and various health factors to ensure surgery is performed safely

NOTE: TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING, PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

(E-mail): _____

Do you live in: House Apt Condo TH? How long have you lived at present address? _____

Do you: Rent Own If renting, does lease allow dogs? _____

Landlord Name & Phone Number/Email: _____

Do you have any breed or weight restrictions where you live? If yes, what are they? Please note that the home visitor will need to see a copy of your lease at the home visit. _____

Is your front or back yard completely fenced in? _____

Please describe your fence. How tall is it? What is it made from? _____

Will this be the first dog you have had on your own? _____

Names and ages of ALL adults and children in household.

Is someone home during the day? Yes No

What hours are household members generally home? _____

Please list 3 personal references (not a relative) and their best contact information.

Name: Relationship: Phone/Email:

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Name and PHONE NUMBER of CURRENT veterinarian _____

How long have you been a client with your CURRENT veterinarian? _____

Name and PHONE NUMBER of PAST veterinarian(s) (last 3-5 years, if applicable)

What LAST NAME is your pet(s) listed under with your current/past vet? _____

How many pets do you CURRENTLY have? _____

List TYPE of current pet(s) (e.g., cat or dog), BREED(s), AGE(s), GENDER(s) and NAME:

Cats/dogs spayed or neutered? Yes No

Cats/dogs current on rabies and distemper? Yes No

Cats/dogs receive other vaccinations (**specify which ones**)?

Does anyone in your household have allergies to dogs? Yes No

If so, how are the allergies addressed? _____

Identify PREVIOUS PETS. Type(s) of pets (e.g., cats, dogs), how long you had them, and what happened to them: [e.g., lost - include how pet(s) was lost; given away - to whom; stayed with family members when moved; or passed away - If a pet is deceased, please include when they died and from what. If you gave away or surrendered a pet to a shelter, please explain the circumstances that forced you to give up your pet, to whom you gave it (include shelter's name and location) and when.]

Are there other animals that live in your home that belong to someone else (roommate, tenant, etc.)? Yes No

If yes, what is the species (cat, dog, etc.) of the animal, as well as the breed, weight, sex and age?

How many animals total currently live in your household? _____

Have you ever had one of your pets euthanized? Yes No

Have you ever given a pet away? Yes No

Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter? Yes No

If you answered yes to any of the 3 questions above, please provide details on the dates/animals/circumstances:

What are you looking for in a new dog? Check all that apply.

Companion

Hunting

Breeding

Protection

Alert

Gift

Other: _____

What type of dog are you looking for? Check all that apply.

Playful and Energetic

Laid Back and Calm

Independent

Affectionate

Confident

Good with Kids

Good with Other Dogs

Good with Cat

Other: _____

If you have a cat, has your cat interacted or lived with a dog before? Yes No

Please describe in detail what you are looking for in a dog.

Are there any behaviors you won't tolerate in your new dog?

What methods will you use to discourage or prevent inappropriate behaviors in the dog?

Many dogs require leash training. What method of training will you provide to teach your dog leash manners?

Training Class

Halti Head Harness

Prong Collar

Gentle Leader Harness

Choke Collar

Electric Shock collar

Other _____

Where will the dog be kept when you are home? Check any that apply.

Outside

In a doghouse

In a crate

In the garage

Unfinished Basement

Finished Basement

Free Run of the Home

Other _____

If you chose "in a crate" above, please tell us your plan for crating while you are home, including how many hours the dog will be crated while you are home. Will the dog have a break during this time?

Where will the dog be kept when you are out of the home? Check any that apply.

Outside

In a doghouse

In a crate

In the garage

Unfinished Basement

Finished Basement

Free Run of the Home

Doggy Daycare

Other _____

If you chose "in a crate" above, please tell us your plan for crating while you are out. Will the dog have a break during this time?

Please describe where the dog will sleep. _____

During what hours does your job or other commitment keep you away from the home each day, including commuting time? _____

Do you have a dog door? Yes No

How will you provide for the dog to get outside while you are gone?

We cannot guarantee our dogs are housetrained. What method will you use to housetrain your new dog?

Are there times when the dog will be tied up? Yes No

Will the dog spend any time in the garage? Yes No

Do you drive a pickup truck with an open bed? Yes No If yes, will the dog be allowed to ride in the back? _____

If you answered yes to any of the previous 3 questions, please explain below.

Who will provide the daily exercise for the dog? _____

What type of exercise will you provide for the dog and how often? Please describe your daily exercise routine in detail.

Will you keep the dog up-to-date on vaccinations and heartworm preventative? Yes No

If you go away for a few days, or on a vacation, who will take care of the dog?

Do you plan on changing your residence in the near future? Yes No

If yes, when and where will you move? _____

Will you be renting or buying? _____

Are you prepared for the financial obligation of adopting a dog(s)? _____

If you change your living situation (e.g., get married/divorced, have children, adopt another pet, or make other significant changes to your current lifestyle), are you prepared to make decisions that enable you to keep your dog as an integral part of your life? _____

If you must give up your dog for some reason, do you agree to surrender the dog to us? _____

****You must agree not to give the dog to friends or family members, or advertise the dog on free websites such as craigslist, or in the newspaper. By filling out and signing this application, you are legally agreeing to surrender the dog only to Second Chance Animal Rescue.****

Dog Adoption Policies

I, _____ (name), hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand the adoption policies, agree to abide by them, and all information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge. Yes No

Signature:

Date:

Please read our adoption policies and rationales below – carefully. These policies help ensure the health and safety of our dogs and compatibility with their adoptive families. Adopting a dog is a lifetime commitment. Please make sure you are ready for this commitment before you adopt. This may mean making accommodations in your life to ensure your dog is happy and healthy and will be a member of your family for the rest of your dog's life.

1. Renting/Pet Policies. If you rent your home or are subject to condo association rules, does your lease or by-laws allow you to have dogs? If you move, are you committed to finding a home where your dogs are allowed? Dogs are dependent on you like a child and should be treated as a member of your family.

Reason: We want to ensure that your current housing allows dogs so you are not evicted or asked to give up your dog. And that you are committed to accommodating your dog if you move in the future.

2. Spaying/Neutering. Dogs will not be adopted into homes with unneutered cats/dogs. We will verify with current vet records for your current animals. All adult dogs over 6 months of age are spayed/neutered before adoption. We determine when to spay/neuter based on: 1) age, 2) weight, and 3) various health factors to ensure surgery is performed safely. Younger puppies not spayed/neutered before adoption must be spayed/neutered by the adopter at approximately 6 months of age at your expense. **Note:** We will verify post-adoption that all dogs have been spayed/neutered. We enforce any breach in our contract by imposing a \$300 fine and may take other actions to enforce the terms of our contract.

Reason: Virginia law requires all cats/dogs adopted from animal welfare organizations be spayed/neutered. Each year, millions of cats/dogs are needlessly euthanized because there are too many of them and too few responsible homes to care for them. There are also significant health and behavioral benefits to spaying/neutering (e.g., reduced risk of certain cancers, elimination of spraying urine)

3. Children. If you have a child under approximately 6 years of age, we will not place a puppy under 6 months of age in your household. The appropriate age for adopting a puppy into a home with children will depend on the age of the child as well as the personality and the needs of the puppy.

Reason: Younger puppies are more fragile and can be accidentally injured by a small child. Also, young puppies tend to jump and use their teeth during play, which can harm younger children. Children and pets make wonderful companions for one another when supervised and matched appropriately.

8. Costs of Care. A single dog that is already spayed/neutered will cost at least \$500 per year in food, litter, other supplies and basic vet care. This does not include any health-related illnesses or emergencies. Your dog will need an annual checkup and age-appropriate vaccinations. All dogs require regular vet care. You are responsible for providing vet care and paying all vet bills once you adopt.

Reason: Annual exams and vaccinations protect your dog from health issues and diseases which can be fatal. Rabies shots are required by law to prevent your dog from contracting rabies and passing it on to humans if your dog accidentally comes into contact with a rabid animal.

9. Lifetime Commitment. Adopting a dog is a lifetime commitment. Please contact us if there are significant incompatibility issues or if you have an urgent situation and cannot continue caring for your dog. We will do everything we can to help you resolve your situation such as providing advice, helping you find a new home for your dog, or taking your dog back into our care at our discretion.

Reason: We want our dogs to be cared for all their lives. We will do everything that is reasonably possible to help ensure this happens.

10. Home Visit. We reserve the right to visit your home any time after the adoption to make sure you and the dog are happy and to verify the terms of the contract are being followed. If any condition of the Adoption Contract has been violated, or if it is the opinion of Second Chance Animal Rescue VA that the environment is unsafe, we reserve the right to take actions to remove the dog from the home. We do pre-adoption home visits for all animals.

Reason: We want to make sure our dogs are placed in compatible, loving homes .

Please confirm your understanding of the above policies by having all adult household members sign below.

Signature:

Date:

Signature:

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Signature:

Date: