



NEW HOMES 4 ANIMALS DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

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This application is our introduction to you and your environment. Please understand that we form our initial impressions based on the information you give us. If your answers are vague, this will reduce the chances of having your application considered. **Please answer the questions in as much detail as possible**, even if you are not sure of the answer. Most of the time there are no right or wrong answers, as each dog comes to us with its own specific needs. Checking **other** or answering **as necessary** does not provide us with sufficient information to evaluate your application. If none of the options given in our questions seem to fit your circumstances, intentions or desires, please explain in as much detail as possible what you mean, or would like to have happen. This application is very important to us and we take it seriously. The choices we make affect the health and well-being of the dog in question for the rest of its life. It is our commitment to make sure we are placing each dog in the most appropriate of all possible homes. Our all-volunteer adoption committee evaluates each application with this intention. If your application is incomplete, we do not have the resources to follow up with you by phone to understand your intentions.

**All dogs are spayed/neutered before placing, current on vaccinations, and are micro-chipped.**

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Date:

Name of Desired Dog

Name of Applicant:

Age of Applicant:

Name of Spouse/Significant Other:

Occupation and Spouses Occupation

If this relationship changes, with whom would the dog remain?

If you have children, what are their ages?

List any additional people in the household:

Who will be primarily responsible for the dog's care?

Address:

Home phone #:

Work phone #:

Cell phone #:

Email address:

Do you live in a...  house  apartment?  condo  other

Do you  rent or  own?

If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to have a pet?  yes  no

Landlord's name and phone number:

How long have you lived at this address?

If you are in an apt. or condo, is there a pet weight limit?

Do you object to a home visit?  yes  no

What are your primary reasons for wanting a dog in general??

Housepet

Companion for Yourself or the Family

Companion for Children

Companion for Other Pet

Protection for home

Protection for your business

Watchdog

Gift

Other (please explain)

If this is a gift, who is it for?

Is the gift a surprise?  yes  no

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Tell us why you're interested in this particular dog?

If you have children, please describe their previous experience with dogs?

Does anyone in your household have allergies  yes  no

If yes, describe

Do you have a pet now?  yes  no

# Dogs? #Cats? Other?

**Please provide information on pets you have now and have had in the past.**

**Pet #1**

Breed:

male  female Spayed/Neutered?  yes  no

Length of ownership? Still own?  yes  no

If no, why do you no long have this dog/cat?

If deceased, what was the cause of death?

**Pet #2**

Breed:

male  female Spayed/Neutered?  yes  no

Length of ownership? Still own?  yes  no

If no, why do you no long have this dog/cat?

If deceased, what was the cause of death?

**Pet #3**

Breed:

male  female Spayed/Neutered?  yes  no

Length of ownership? Still own?  yes  no

If no, why do you no long have this dog/cat?

If deceased, what was the cause of death?

**Pet #4**

Breed:

male  female Spayed/Neutered?  yes  no

Length of ownership? Still own?  yes  no

If no, why do you no long have this dog/cat?

If deceased, what was the cause of death?

Are your current pets  indoor  outdoor  both

Where do they sleep?

Are any rooms of the house off limits?  yes  no

Which?

Is there anybody home during the day?  yes  no Who?

Will this dog be an INDOOR or OUTDOOR pet?  indoor  outdoor  both



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If both, how much time will your dog spend      Outdoors?      Indoors?  
About how many hours each day will your dog be left alone?

Where will the dog stay when he/she is home alone? (please be as specific as possible – i.e. run of the house, a specific room, a crate, dog run, laundry room, garage, etc.)

Where will the dog sleep at night?     dog house     garage     crate     anywhere they want  
 Other?

If inside, where exactly (Kitchen, Master Bedroom, Spare Room, child's room, living room, Laundry Room, garage)?

If other, or if you have additional comments on where the dog will sleep, please specify:

What areas / rooms are off limits to the dog?

Will this pet be allowed on the furniture?     yes     no

What outside areas are available to the dog?     Fenced yard     Enclosed Patio     Garage     Balcony  
 Dog House     Dog Run     Unfenced Common Area     Other

Do you have a doggie door?     yes     no

Do you have a fenced yard?     yes     no

If so type of fencing? (chain link, wood, block wall, etc)

Height of fence:      Highest point      Lowest point

The fence is intact on all sides and corners so that a dog cannot squeeze through and is at least 5 feet from ground level in all areas?     yes     no

If you answered no above, do you promise to make necessary repairs for the safety and well being of the new pet before the home visit     yes     no

Are there gates? ?     yes     no

How many gates?

How high?

Is there any type of lock on the gate(s)     yes     no

Type of lock (padlock, key, latch, etc)

Who has access to your yard (i.e. gardener, poolman, utilities, neighbor, other)? Please explain

Do you have a pool?     yes     no      If yes, is it fenced?     yes     no

Preferred level of exercise with a dog?     Couch potato     short walks     vigorous walks  
 hike or jog regularly

How do you normally walk your dog?     On leash     Off leash

When on leash do you normally use?     Collar only     Harness     Choke Chain     Other

If other, please explain

Would your dog wear a collar     yes     no    When?

Who will groom and bathe your dog?

What brand of food will you feed the dog?

Dry Food:

Canned

Other



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Will you feed your dog people food? If yes, please be specific about what?

Would you be open to the suggestion of a quality food to feed your pets?  yes  no

How would you rate your level of dog owning experience?

First time owner  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced

Other (please explain)

How would you discipline your dog if he or she misbehaved?

How would you train this dog?

Swat with a newspaper  Firm verbal commands  Obedience class  
 Clicker/hand signals  Spray Bottle  Other (please explain)

Are you willing to housetrain a dog?

If yes, what method do you plan to use to housetrain your new dog?

Do you understand and accept that a change in a dog's environment may cause a dog to have accidents, especially in the early days of the adoption?  yes  no

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

What will you do if the dog chews, digs, is destructive or has other bad habits?

Pets are an investment of your time and money. Can you afford to provide medical care, grooming, proper diet, shelter and exercise for your new pet for its entire lifetime?  yes  no

If your dog became ill would you consider costly vet treatment?  yes  no

What amount would you consider too costly?

What would happen to your pets if you moved? ...

Locally?

Out of state?

Out of the country?

What if you became unable to care for it?

Were you ever in a situation where you were not able to keep a pet?  yes  no

If yes, please explain:

If you become unable to keep or take care of this dog, do you have a person who would take him/her?

yes  no

If yes, please list name and phone number:

Do you have a regular veterinarian?:  yes  no

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Do you travel often?  yes  no

If yes, who would take care of your pet?  pet sitter  neighbor  relative  other

Which of the following reasons might prompt you to give up your dog? (Please check all that apply)

Personal changes:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/Separation          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy / Baby   | <input type="checkbox"/> New Spouse/partner not like the dog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving / New house/apt.     | <input type="checkbox"/> New roommate       | <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job change/loss             | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability/Illness | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial problems                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New carpet/drapes/furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)    |  |

Behavioral problems:

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive barking  | <input type="checkbox"/> Biting              | <input type="checkbox"/> Does not get along with other pet(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digging            | <input type="checkbox"/> Destructive chewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional accidents indoors         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shedding           | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor watchdog       | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs too much attention/time        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Growling at guests | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive on leash | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)                      |

Health problems:

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog incurs expensive vet bills | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs special diet | <input type="checkbox"/> Requires daily treatment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog becomes disabled           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)    |   |

NONE OF THE ABOVE

Comments?

If you had to give up this dog for any of the above checked reasons, what would you do with the dog?

Would you agree to consult a trainer or behaviorist if any problems develop?  yes  no

Is there any additional information you would like us to have?

***Please read and initial each statement below.***

I understand that a home visit is required prior to final placement.

I understand that a home visit does not guarantee placement.

I agree to provide my own collar, leash, and/ or harness, and personal ID at the time of completing the adoption contract.

I will allow a New Homes 4 Animals representative to make follow-up visits to check on the status of the dog after its adoption.

If I am not able to keep the dog, or the dog does not work out in my home for any reason, I will return the dog to New Homes 4 Animals. It cannot be given away to anyone or any entity.

I CAN make the required contribution (which may differ depending on the animal in question), which helps rescue, provide medical care, spay and neuter, board and place other abandoned dogs and cats. I understand that any contribution is freely given, not a purchase price for a dog.

I have read the above information carefully and have filled out this application honestly. I understand and accept that New Homes 4 Animals has the right to annul the adoption and reclaim the animal if there is an omission or untruth in the application.

Signed

Dated

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**DISCLAIMER:**

*There is NO guarantee made, express or implied, that any person requesting to adopt a dog through NH4A Rescue, or posted on NH4A's Website, will automatically be approved. All adoptions are subject to acceptance based on a review process that requires collecting information from references and visiting the applicant's home. Decisions on placing dogs in adoptive and foster homes are based solely on the judgment of NH4A Rescue's volunteers and coordinators, and adoption applications may be denied for various reasons. Also, if you are applying to adopt a specific dog, the volunteers may find that your home would be suitable for a dog but not necessarily for that particular dog that you are applying for, due to its needs and background. NH4A Rescue reserves the right to refuse to adopt to anyone without disclosing the reasons, and to make all decisions regarding placement or final disposition of any rescued dog in its care whether in, or being placed in, a foster or adoptive home or other facility.*

***Any animal (cat or dog) adopted out by New Homes 4 Animals always remains a part of the NH4A family and will be accepted back, no questions asked, at any time during its lifetime.***

*We are juggling scores of applications at once and often have multiple applications on the same dogs. As a result, we may not have time to respond to your application unless we feel it is a good fit for a particular dog. We are an all volunteer organization and we do our best to keep up with the volume of email and calls we appreciate your patience in this process.*