

# Adoption Application

Pet ownership is a serious responsibility. It is the policy of \_\_\_\_\_ to assure that each person who adopts a pet is not only aware of that responsibility, but also capable of and willing to accept the responsibility morally, physically and financially.

The following questionnaire has been designed to help both you and \_\_\_\_\_ decide if you and/or your family are indeed adequately prepared to assume the type of responsible ownership we are endeavoring to assure for our adoptive pets. If there is not enough space to fully answer each question, please attach an additional sheet for your responses.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (co-applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone - Not cell or pager \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Place Of Employment (self) \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Department \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been there? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on changing jobs soon?  Yes  No

Business Phone (Self) - Not cell or pager \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment (co-applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Department \_\_\_\_\_

How long has she/he been there? \_\_\_\_\_

Does he/she plan on changing jobs soon?  Yes  No

Business Phone (co-applicant) - Not cell or pager \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to reach you \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

## Questionnaire

List all the people who live in your home and their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at your current address? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to move within the next year?  Yes  No

If so, what will you do with your animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want a pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Is shedding a concern?  Yes  No Is noise a concern?  Yes  No

Indicate the energy level you are looking for in a pet:  High Energy  Medium Energy  Couch Potato  Doesn't matter

Who will be responsible for the care and cost of your new pet? \_\_\_\_\_

What other pets do you have? (Type) \_\_\_\_\_

Where do they sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

Are they Spayed/Neutered?  Yes  No  Some Are

If you're animal(s) is/are not sterilized, please tell us why? \_\_\_\_\_

If your other pet is a dog, is it currently on heartworm preventative?  Yes  No

Do you have a fenced-in yard?  Yes  No Fence Height? \_\_\_\_\_ Type of fencing? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to reinforce/repair your fence if needed?  Yes  No

If yard is not fenced, is there a *fenced-in* area nearby where you can regularly exercise your dog?  Yes  No

Describe that area and it's size: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to have a home visit prior to adoption?  Yes  No

Do you travel much?  Yes  No If so, who will take care of your pet while you are away? \_\_\_\_\_

Under what circumstances would you have to give up your pet?

Moving  New Baby  Divorce  Pet becomes ill  Pet behavior  Scratching  Other \_\_\_\_\_  None

If you checked behavior or other, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to train your pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for the training of your pet? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you correct inappropriate behavior? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to spend time training the dog to deal with problems such as jumping up, barking, pulling on the leash and/or separation anxiety?

Yes  No  N/A if adopting a cat

Are you considering taking your pet to a formal obedience class?  Yes  No  N/A if adopting a cat

If necessary, are you willing to housetrain your new pet?  Yes  No

If the adoption counselor believes it is necessary, are you willing to purchase a dog crate or cat container?  Yes  No

If no, please explain why not: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand your new dog will need to be checked annually for heartworms and continue on monthly heartworm preventative?  Yes  No

Do you understand that your adopted pet will need periodic grooming to include: Brushing coat, trimming nails, ear cleaning and teeth cleaning?  Yes  No

Approximately how many hours a day will your pet be home alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in a:  House  Townhouse  Condominium  Apartment  Mobile Home

If you rent or lease, do you have permission from your landlord to have a pet?  Yes  No

Landlord's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you keep your pet during the day when you are home? \_\_\_\_\_ When not at home? \_\_\_\_\_ At night? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to keep a collar with a tag bearing your name, address and phone number on your pet at all times?  Yes  No

If, for any reason, you are unable to keep your pet, will you agree to return it to this adoption agent?  Yes  No

Are you willing to accept immediate and full responsibility for the ownership of your adopted pet, including all health care costs and necessary burdens and responsibilities of owning a pet?  Yes  No

Please list the pets you have owned in the past five years by name, breed, years in household, and reason for death or leaving?

Also, for those pets listed, please provide a vet reference if different from your current vet.

Name	Type	Breed	Yrs in home	Reason for death/leaving	Vet Reference
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Adoption agent will be contacting the veterinarian(s) indicated on this application, are you ok with this?  Yes  No

Pets can live 12 to 15+ years, even longer depending on the breed/size. Can you commit to caring for them for this period of time?  Yes  No

### Please complete the following section if you or your spouse is in the Military.

Military ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Duty Station: \_\_\_\_\_

How long will you be in the Military? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you live in base housing?  Yes  No

How long have you been stationed here? \_\_\_\_\_ How much longer will you live here? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have to complete a tour of duty overseas?  Yes  No If so, where will you be stationed, when will that take place? \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do with your pet if you are transferred overseas? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you expecting a state-side transfer?  Yes  No If so, when, where will you locate? \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do with your pet if you are transferred state-side? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you have pets at your last duty station?  Yes  No

Where are they now? \_\_\_\_\_

### References: All applicants, please complete the following section:

Veterinarian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list two references that you have known for more than two years and who can speak to your ability and commitment to providing a long-term, loving home for your new pet. If you do not have a current veterinarian, list an extra reference in its place.*

Personal Reference 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

### Estimate of Veterinary Costs:

Booster shots (DHLPP-C)	\$40-50 (yearly)
Rabies	\$12 (every three years)
Office Visits	\$20-30
Heartworm Check	\$21-22 (yearly)
6 months Heartworm Preventative	\$40-45*
6 months flea preventative	\$60*
Emergency Veterinary Hospital	\$50-100+ per visit
Premium dog food	\$20/month
Boarding Charges	\$15-25/day
FVR CPC	\$30-50 yearly
Feline Leukemia	\$40
Felv/FIV Test	\$26

*\*These prices are for a medium sized dog (40-60 lbs), prices do vary according to weight and vet.*

### Signature:

#### **NO GUARANTEES OR WARRANTIES OF HEALTH OR TEMPERAMENT CAN BE OR ARE MADE BY ADOPTER.**

Adoption fees **DO NOT** cover the cost of caring and sheltering the animal you want to adopt. Adoption agent will not be responsible for any medical care required by an animal adopted from us. You may return an animal for health reasons but a refund on the adoption fee **WILL NOT** be given unless the return occurs within the first two (2) days following the adoption and your veterinarian had advised us of a medical condition identified during that two (2) day period. We hope this information doesn't discourage you from adopting from us but reminds you that love comes with no guarantee.

Anyone who adopts a dog or cat from an Animal Shelter, Rescue Agency or Humane Society is required by law to have the animal sterilized if it hasn't already been done. Anyone who violates this requirement is subject to civil penalties and may be required to meet their legal obligations under sections 301-796.126:1 et seq of the Code of Virginia.

- I understand that submitting an application does not guarantee that I will receive approval to adopt a pet from adoption agent.*
- I certify that all information on the Adoption Application is true and correct.*

Name of Animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Return Application To: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (co-applicant): \_\_\_\_\_