



A NO-KILL Animal Shelter

# DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

## ATTENTION: PLEASE READ

To be considered for adopting a pet from Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc., you must:

- 1) Be at least **25 years of age**;
- 2) Have knowledge and consent of all adults in your household;
- 3) Have a **VALID PICTURE ID** with your current address.

Please fill out this application honestly and to the best of your ability. The following information is required so that we can assist you in the selection your new pet. This form and consultation are designed to help us determine if the adoption is in the animal's best interest, and to assist you in finding the animal most compatible with your lifestyle.

We are a private adoption agency. We reserve the right to accept or deny any applicant based on the following criteria:

- ANIMAL IS AGE APPROPRIATE FOR APPLICANT/HOUSEHOLD
- ANIMAL IS TEMPERAMENT APPROPRIATE FOR APPLICANT/HOUSEHOLD
- ANIMAL IS WEIGHT AND BREED APPROPRIATE FOR APPLICANT/HOUSEHOLD

**FILLING OUT THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT ENSURE THAT YOU WILL BE APPROVED TO ADOPT FROM OUR ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE THE SOLE RIGHT TO APPROVE OR DENY ANY APPLICATION SUBMITTED.** By submitting it, you are not putting a "hold" on the animal. We will review your application and check the information provided.

**I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND ACCEPT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ADOPTION FROM DOGS & CATS FOREVER, INC.**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## ANIMAL YOU INTERESTED IN

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/Neutered \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DL# \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other adults in your household (spouse, roommate, partner) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ How long at current job \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Employer's address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you financially able to properly care for your pet(s)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*(The average food and medical bills per pet are approx. \$500 a year, which does not include City or County fees.)*

Personal reference \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Who shares your household? Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Significant other \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Live Alone \_\_\_\_\_

If children/grandchildren, list ages \_\_\_\_\_

If your present relationship were to change, with whom would the animal remain with?

At what age do you feel children are responsible enough to take care of a pet without assistance (i.e. feed, take for walk, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or anyone in your household have pet allergies? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## HOUSING INFORMATION

Housing: Own (house) \_\_\_\_\_ Own (condo) \_\_\_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_\_\_

If rental, is it a house \_\_\_\_\_ Condo \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment \_\_\_\_\_

**If you rent**, please provide landlord name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

***If we need a copy of your lease agreement including their pet policy; we reserve the right to contact them. If you own a home or mobile home controlled by covenants, we will need a copy of the covenants pertaining to their pet policy.***

Length of time at current residence \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning on moving in the next 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a secure fenced-in yard? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what is the type and height of the fence? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the bottom of the fence secured so that the animal cannot get out? \_\_\_\_\_

How is the gate secured? \_\_\_\_\_ If you do not lock the gate, why? \_\_\_\_\_

If you move in the future what will happen with your pet(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you agree to a home check prior to the delivery of the adopted pet?** \_\_\_\_\_

## PET HISTORY

Would this be your first dog? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of pets have you had in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have other pets? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ Cats \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list age, breed, and names: \_\_\_\_\_

***(All current pets must be spayed/neutered and be up to date on all vaccines. Proof of which must be provided.)***

If you no longer have your pet, what happened to it? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a shelter? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you tried to adopt an animal from another rescue group or Humane Society? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do have pets, how do you feel they will adjust to a new animal in the home? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you want this animal for?

Companionship \_\_\_\_\_ Companion for another pet \_\_\_\_\_ Watch dog \_\_\_\_\_

For the kids to play with \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to get a trainer for your new pet if necessary? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If answered **NO**, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

## MAINTAINING YOUR PET

Will you exercise your dog on a regular basis? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What exercise method and how often? \_\_\_\_\_

How much time do you plan to spend per day giving your dog physical/emotional attention? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours in a day will the dog be left alone?

Where will the dog be kept when left when it is alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Which rooms, if any, will be off-limits to the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dog be left locked in a crate? \_\_\_\_\_ Where will the dog be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog be kept at night? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dog be allowed on the furniture? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you feed your dog dry or canned food? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times per day? \_\_\_\_\_

## MAINTAINING YOU PET (continued)

What method do you intend to use to house train your dog?

In which of the following situations would you allow your dog off the leash?

\_\_\_\_ Public park \_\_\_\_ Hike \_\_\_\_ Beach \_\_\_\_ Neighborhood walk \_\_\_\_ Front yard

\_\_\_\_ Dog park \_\_\_\_ Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

**What discipline will you use if your dog misbehaves?**

\_\_\_\_ Stern voice \_\_\_\_ Swat nose \_\_\_\_ Spank with hand \_\_\_\_ Spank fanny w/ newspaper

Other \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think is the best way to keep your dog's teeth clean? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Clean them your self \_\_\_\_ Have them cleaned by a professional \_\_\_\_ Not necessary

Which of the following would you use for flea and tick control?

\_\_\_\_ Flea spay \_\_\_\_ Flea bath \_\_\_\_ Flea collar \_\_\_\_ Herbal flea collar

\_\_\_\_ Flea comb \_\_\_\_ Frontline, Advantix, or similar flea prevention

**Which of the following would force you to give up your dog?**

\_\_\_\_ Divorce/separation \_\_\_\_ Move out of state \_\_\_\_ Move where pets aren't allowed

\_\_\_\_ Nips at strangers or other family members \_\_\_\_ Bites or nips at kids

\_\_\_\_ Dogs barks too much \_\_\_\_ Neighbors complain about the dog

\_\_\_\_ Marry someone with allergies \_\_\_\_ Dog loses bladder control

\_\_\_\_ Dog becomes too expensive due to illness, if so, how much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Not the kind of dog I thought it would be \_\_\_\_ Having a baby

\_\_\_\_ Dog doesn't get along with current pets \_\_\_\_ Dog is not trainable

\_\_\_\_ Would never give up my dog

**Dogs only, fill in below if applying for a dog**

If you currently have a dog, is your dog on heartworm prevention?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever bred a dog? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If **YES**, why? \_\_\_\_\_

## VETERINARY INFORMATION

Name of Vet \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(or list last Vet you used before your pet passed away)

Length of time with current Vet \_\_\_\_\_ Pet name that they see or have seen \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to cover any vet expenses your pet may incur throughout its life?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Is there a limit? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ How much is too much? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider euthanizing your pet because of medical costs? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If **YES**, please explain reason \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to give your animal regular health care? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you agree to register and license this animal with the city/county you live in?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

- **Do you understand that Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc. REQUIRES that all animals be spayed or neutered when they reach 6 months of age?** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- **Do you understand that we have the right to confiscate the animal if you fail to do so after the animal is past the age of 6 months?** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- **Do you understand that if you are no longer able to keep the animal, you must notify Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc. and return the animal to our facility?** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

## TERMS OF ADOPTION

Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc. does ask for an adoption fee in order to help cover expenses. Anything received about that amount is a tax-deductible donation.

I certify that the included information is correct, I agree to and will adhere to the adoption policies of Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc. If should an unaltered animal be placed with me, and I agree to have it spayed/neutered by such date agreed upon by Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc. At that time, I will forward evidence of the procedure being completed to Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc.

This animal will reside in my house as a companion and family member. I will provide it with adequate food, water, shelter, training, affection, and medical care. I understand that Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc. is strictly an adoption agency and is not responsible for the accuracy of the information received about the habits, temperament, or physical condition of the animals available for adoption. I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate the animal for myself before agreeing to adopt it. I am in full agreement with these terms of adoption. Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc. shall not be liable for and is hereby relieved from all liability for any damages, expenses, fines, suits, demands, judgments, or claims of any nature whatsoever arising from any damage to property and/or injury to any persons or other animal caused directly or indirectly by the animal placed in my home.

Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc. reserves the right to follow up on the adoption in order to protect the welfare of the animal; and may be removed from the owner's control if deemed necessary. If for any valid reason the adoption is not satisfactory for the adopting party, or if the adopting party fails to comply with all terms and conditions of the adoption, or if any misrepresentations have been or are made by the adopting party, the animal must be returned to Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc. **Ownership of the animal may not be transferred for any reason.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## OFFICE USE ONLY

\_\_\_\_ Landlord check, indicate what landlord allows and if there is a security deposit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Landlord called if rent or lease or community with restrictions (If no contract, we need letter in writing stating that pets are allowed and a fee, if any).

Comments, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ If condo/mobile home need copy of covenants regarding dogs or cats (See Housing Information)

\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian reference check and comments, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER COMMENTS:

\_\_\_\_ Health check complete comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Adoption fee paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card

\_\_\_\_ Home visit/check completed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Pet delivered by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Comments if any upon delivery: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Application approved by Jay: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ If approved by other, who? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Adoption fee per Jay? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Adoption fee established by other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Who? \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_ Delivery packet prepared by \_\_\_\_\_