



## HAPPY PAWS DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

**Basic Information** (please use back of forms to provide additional information) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of dog or dogs I am interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you over 19 years of Age? \_\_\_\_\_

Street address including City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we text you? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If not, which phone can we leave a message for you? \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide two references that are not members of your immediate family:

Personal reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ years known: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ years known: \_\_\_\_\_

**About Your Home**.... Do you live in a(n)?: House \_\_\_ Townhouse \_\_\_ Trailer \_\_\_ Apartment/ Condo \_\_\_

Other, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have roommate(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ How many: \_\_\_\_\_ If so, who is on the lease or mortgage? \_\_\_\_\_

If renting, do you have your landlord's permission to have a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there breed restrictions where you live? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you provide a copy of the lease? \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults sharing your household \_\_\_\_\_

Are there children in the home? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ How old? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there children in the home part time? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ How old? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household have an allergy to dogs that you are aware of? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Is someone home during the day? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Who? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a day will dog be alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will dog spend time when:

You are at home \_\_\_ indoor/outdoor (doggy- door) \_\_\_ inside only (specify): \_\_\_ run of the house \_\_\_ crate \_\_\_ specific room(s)  
\_\_\_ outside only (specify): \_\_\_ yard \_\_\_ garage \_\_\_ enclosed patio \_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog is home alone \_\_\_ indoor/outdoor (doggy- door) \_\_\_ inside only (specify): \_\_\_ run of the house \_\_\_ crate \_\_\_ specific room(s)  
\_\_\_ outside only (specify): \_\_\_ yard \_\_\_ garage \_\_\_ enclosed patio \_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

Bedtime \_\_\_ indoor/outdoor (doggy- door) \_\_\_ inside only (specify): \_\_\_ run of the house \_\_\_ crate \_\_\_ specific room(s)  
\_\_\_ outside only (specify): \_\_\_ yard \_\_\_ garage \_\_\_ enclosed patio \_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_



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Do you have a yard with an area for the dog? YES \_ NO \_\_. Is there a doggy door to the outside area? YES \_ NO \_\_

If it is fenced, what kind of fence? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you inspected fence lately? \_\_\_\_\_

What areas are available outside at your home for the dog? Back yard\_\_ Front yard\_\_ Enclosed patio \_\_ Dog run\_\_

Doghouse \_\_ Other – please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Your Experience with Dogs:**

How would you describe your dog owning experience? I have had dogs of my own as an adult \_\_ I grew up with dogs or have worked with them but have not had my own as an adult \_ I have never had one or have limited experience with dogs

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How many dogs have you owned in the past 5 years? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to the other dog(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have pets? YES \_ NO \_\_ If yes, please complete the following: Type, Breed, Size, Gender, Age

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are your current pets spayed/neutered? If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you consider spaying them if we were able to help with the cost? YES\_\_ NO \_\_

Have you had experience with behavioral or medical issues with your previous or current pets? If yes, please describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

If there are children in the household, please describe their experience with dogs:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **About This Dog:** Why do you want to adopt this rescue dog?

\_\_\_\_\_

Why have you decided that now is a good time to bring a new pet into the household?

\_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to acclimatize a new pet into your home (e.g. dedicated space/room, introduction to other pets/children, etc.)?

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How will you physically exercise your dog? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_

In which of the following situations might you allow your dog off leash? Fenced yard at home\_\_ public park \_\_ dog park \_\_ beach \_ hike \_ neighborhood walk \_\_ back yard \_ front yard\_\_

Are you open to brain games for your dog? YES \_ NO \_\_. Will you get professional dog training? YES \_ NO \_\_ MAYBE\_\_

Are you able to make a long-term commitment to care for your pet for its entire life span, which could be as long as 15 years or more? \_ YES \_ NO



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Describe what you consider routine medical care for your new dog and an estimated amount you are willing to spend per year

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Who is your veterinarian (name and phone)? \_\_\_\_\_ Can we call for a reference? YES\_\_ NO\_\_

If you move, what will you do with your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Reasons for returning dog**

Which of the following reasons might force you to give up your dog? (Check all that apply)

Allergies\_\_ excessive barking\_\_ aggression on leash\_\_ destructive behavior such as chewing\_\_ biting/aggression\_\_  
Digging\_\_ training problems\_\_ house-training problems\_\_ growling/nipping at guests or kids\_\_ poor watchdog\_\_  
Dog is bigger than anticipated\_\_ shedding/ dirty\_\_ excessive vet bills/chronic illness\_\_ financial problems\_\_  
Having a baby\_\_ not able to care for them\_\_ divorce/separation\_\_ new spouse/ partner doesn't like dogs\_\_  
Pets aren't getting along\_\_ moving\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If problems do occur, before things get bad – let us know and we can work with you to try and correct the issue. We want what is best for both you and the dog. Many of the dogs we adopt out come from neglected homes. Our foster families do their best to teach these dogs how to dog. Getting used to a new home may take a bit.



**Application Process**

How did you learn about Happy Paws and our Adoption Program? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you adopted from Happy Paws in the Past? If so, please tell us about it.

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The Adoption Application is not a contract or guarantee of adoption. This application provides Happy Paws with information to evaluate potential adopters. Your completed application will be reviewed by our Adoption Counselors. We reserve the right for a home visit for everyone's well-being: yours, your family's, any current pet you have plus our dog you are wishing to adopt. This may also be a good time for your current pet and new pet to meet. Approved applicants are matched with the animal that is a best-fit for the applicant/lifestyle, not necessarily by application date. Happy Paws reserves the right to approve or deny any application, as deemed appropriate. Applicants must be ≥19 years of age.

We vet our foster dogs to the fullest extent possible. Sometimes we cannot complete all of the vetting for a variety of reasons. We will share all medical records with you so you know what vetting has been completed and what things you may need to follow up on with your vet. Some puppies are too young to spay or neuter, we will require that you agree to arrangements for the puppy to be altered once old enough

By signing this agreement, I am aware of the following:

- Most rescue animals have unknown medical backgrounds. I am prepared to take \_\_\_\_\_ for any Veterinary care that may be needed and provide any necessary medical treatment at my own expense.
- I agree to contact the microchip company and transfer ownership to my home and will update if we relocate.
- I agree to bring \_\_\_\_\_ back to Happy Paws for the spay/neuter appointment on the date and time designated to me if this procedure has not already been completed. Failure to do so will void this contract and the pet must then be returned to Happy Paws.
- I may not abandon, give away, gift, sell, transfer to a shelter or otherwise transfer \_\_\_\_\_ and shall notify Happy Paws immediately at any time I determine that I no longer want to, or no longer can, keep \_\_\_\_\_, so Happy Paws can take \_\_\_\_\_ back or arrange another adoption.
- No refunds will be given if pet is returned to Happy Paws

The answers given on this application are true to the best of my knowledge.  
This application is part of the contract if adoption is approved.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Prospective Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date