

# DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION



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We're thrilled you are considering adoption! In order to apply you must:  
 • Be at least 21 years of age • Have valid identification • Have consent of entire household and landlord • Understand that we may deny applications or suggest a different pet.

**Name of Dog You Would Like to Adopt:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you first hear about or see this pet?

- Shelter's website  
  Petfinder.com or Pets911.com  
  Just stopped by to look  
  Friend/family  
  Shelter newsletter or flyer  
 KC Star  
  Special event  
  FOX4 Morning News  
  KMBC9 Pet Segment  
  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## You and Your Household

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in a:  
 Single-family home  
 Mobile home  
 Duplex  
 Townhouse or condo  
 Apartment

Do you:  
 Rent  
 Own  
 Rent-to-own  
 Live at relatives'/friends' home

If you do not own, please list: Pet weight limit \_\_\_\_\_ Pet deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_  to be paid  
 already paid

Landlord/property owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names and ages of ALL adults & children in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for the care and feeding of this pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in household have allergies to animals?  
 Yes  
 No  
 unsure

Are you adopting this pet as a gift for someone?  
 Yes  
 No  
 If yes, for whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your current veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_

## Current Pets

Name	Breed	Gender	Spayed or Neutered?	Age	Up to date w/vaccines?	Kept in/out?
			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Will be soon			
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## Previous pets (if you've had more than space allows, please list most recent)

Name	Breed	Gender	# of years owned	What happened to pet?

PLEASE COMPLETE OTHER SIDE

## The Pet's Routine

When you are NOT home, where will the dog stay?

When you ARE home, where will the dog usually be?

The dog will generally be alone while we're at work, school, or other day/evening activities:

\_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Time

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Do you currently have: *Check all that apply*

- Crate/kennel inside    Garage/basement/barn set up for dog  
 Outdoor run or fenced pen    Tie-out/cable    Dog house  
 Fenced yard—type & height of fence: \_\_\_\_\_

How will the dog get daily exercise? *Check all that apply*

- Exercise him/herself in our fenced yard    Leash walks  
 Jog with me    Tie-out or cable runner    Play fetch/frisbee  
 Play with the kids or other dog(s) in home    Doggie daycare  
 Go to work with me    Visit off-leash park

Who will care for this pet if you are out of town or hospitalized?

- Friends/family    Kennel or pet-sitter    Don't know yet

## Training

Which method(s) will you use to housetrain your dog?

- Scold dog when he/she has an accident    Stick to a schedule  
 Newspaper/puppy pads    Reward dog for eliminating outside  
 Rub dog's nose in mess    Watch dog very closely at all times  
 House dog in crate or safe room when he/she can't be watched  
 No need—dog is already completely trained  
 Not applicable—dog will be staying outdoors  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to obedience train this dog?

- Attend the next session of group classes at \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attend group classes once dog is age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Train at home using prior experience and other resources  
 Board dog at a professional training kennel  
 Consult a private or in-home trainer

## Dog Behavior

How will you avoid or correct unwanted (but normal) behaviors like chewing, play mouthing, or jumping?

- Distract dog with a noise (clap hands or rattle a can of pennies)  
 Thump nose or "scruff" dog    Scold dog after bad behavior  
 Keep dog busy with interactive toys    Reward good behaviors  
 Firmly say "No"    Teach commands like "leave it" or "off"  
 Turn away/ignore bad behaviors whenever possible  
 Apply taste deterrent (such as "Bitter Apple") to desirable items  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children or *plan on* having children within the next 10-15 years?

- Yes    No

Are there other children who visit your home?

- Yes    No

How will you teach the dog to enjoy the company of children, adult visitors, or strangers? \_\_\_\_\_

## Other

For which reason(s) *might* you consider giving up or finding a new home for a dog?

- Housetraining problems    Aggression    Destructiveness  
 Allergies    New baby    No time for care/exercise  
 Problems w/other pets    Unable to find a rental to allow pet  
 Moving long-distance    Vet costs over \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year  
 Traveling more for work    Health problems of owner or family  
 Health issues of dog, such as: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What is it about this dog that makes him/her a good match for your household? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signing below indicates that the information provided in the Animal Haven Dog Adoption Application is honest and has been completed to the best of your ability.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_