



Humane Society  
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## APPLICATION FOR DOG ADOPTION

### ***The Adoption Process: Who We Are and What to Expect***

The Humane Society Animal League for Life is a no-kill, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization ran entirely by volunteers. We are not a public animal shelter and we do not provide animal control services for the public. We screen each potential adopter with an adoption application. We are unable to do same day adoptions unless you have an approved application already on file. It takes time to review applications and references, so please allow up to three business days for us to contact you after you submit an application. In order to be considered as a potential adopter, certain guidelines should be met, so please review these before continuing.

### ***General Guidelines to Adopt from Our Organization Include:***

1. *Minimum Age to Adopt:* You must be at least 18 years old.
2. *Strong Veterinary Reference:* We are seeking adopters that have a strong veterinary reference. Responsible pet care entails taking your animals to your veterinarian, annually, for routine exams and vaccinations. Vet references will be checked on the type of vet care you have provided to past and current pets. If this is your first time owning a pet, you should be willing to provide additional references and a more extensive interview. All pets in the household should be up to date on standard core vaccinations.
3. *All Pets Must be Spayed or Neutered:* The primary focus of our organization is helping prevent pet overpopulation, so all pets will need to be spayed or neutered, unless you have a valid *medical* reason from your veterinarian, not to have had this surgery performed.
4. *Dogs and Fencing:* Our dogs are looking for indoor only homes where they will be incorporated into the family. Please note, some of our dogs may require securely fenced in yards for safety and this fencing may need to be a certain height or style.
5. *Combo Test Required for Cats:* If you already have another cat at home, proof of a negative combo test for FiV and FeLV will be required to adopt a negative cat from our organization. However, we also have FiV positive cats for adoption that would be most suitable in a household with no other cats or with another FiV positive cat.
6. *Are Pets Allowed?* If you rent, you must be allowed to have pets via your landlord and any pet deposit required by the landlord must be paid in advance and proof must be shown before you officially adopt a pet from our organization. The same will be said if you live with parents or other individuals. Ultimately, the homeowner must give consent to allowing pets at their residence.
7. *Home Visit:* You should be willing to allow a home visit to your property by one or more of our volunteers by appointment. The home visit serves to see where the pet will be living and to make sure the environment is suitable and safe. Fencing will be checked to make sure it is secure.

**After you have read our guidelines, please initial here:** \_\_\_\_\_



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Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Work e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been with your current Employer? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you 18 years or older? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a student? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently serving in the Military? \_\_\_\_\_

- What type of puppy/dog are you interested in? \_\_\_\_\_
- Please check: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Puppy \_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_
- Personality type: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_
- How many people currently reside in your household? \_\_\_\_\_
- Any children in the household? Ages? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does any member of the household have allergies? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who will be responsible for the dogs care? \_\_\_\_\_
- What type of dwelling do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you rent or own? \_\_\_\_\_
- If you rent please name your landlord and phone number. \_\_\_\_\_
- Are pets allowed? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not Sure \_\_\_
- Where will the dog be kept? \_\_\_\_\_
- If outdoors, will the dog be -attended \_\_\_\_\_ -unattended \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have a fenced in yard? \_\_\_\_\_

- Will anyone be home during the day? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many hours a day will the dog be unattended? \_\_\_\_\_
- When no one is home, where will the dog be kept? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you plan on chaining the dog? \_\_\_\_\_
- How far from the road/traffic is your home/farm located? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the volume of traffic? Light \_\_\_\_\_ Heavy \_\_\_\_\_ Moderate \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever had a companion animal (pet) before? \_\_\_\_\_
- List & describe those pets you own/care for or that are living in your household.

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- List & describe those pets you have owned before, but no longer care for.

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- Where are the pets you no longer care for now?

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- Are your pets current on their vaccinations? \_\_\_\_\_

- Are your pets spayed and neutered? \_\_\_\_\_

- Please provide name and phone number of your veterinarian(s).

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- Do we have permission to check your veterinary reference? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please sign below if you give permission to a Humane Society A.L.L. volunteer to call and obtain information from your veterinarians(s) regarding the type and quality of pet care that you provide to your past or present pets?*

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Signature of Approval to Check Veterinary Reference Date

- Are you financially able and willing to provide annual checkups, vaccinations, and ANY medical care necessary? \_\_\_\_\_

- What will you do if your new dog doesn't get along with your present pets?  
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- Have you ever adopted an animal from a rescue agency?  
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- Has your application ever been rejected?\_\_\_\_\_
- Why do you want to adopt a dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If a disciplinary or behavior problem arises, what steps will you take to work on it?\_\_\_\_\_
- Are you familiar with your local animal control laws? Yes\_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_
- Are you willing to sign legal pet adoption papers? Yes\_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you agree to permit a visit to your home/farm by appointment?\_\_\_\_\_

*By signing this form, I/we acknowledge that all information on this form is true and correct. I/we understand that any misrepresentation of fact may result in Humane Society A.L.L. refusing adoption privileges to me/us. If my/our request for adoption is approved and later Humane Society A.L.L. discovers the above information is not true or correct, Humane Society A.L.L reserves the right to remove the adopted dog from my home/farm.*

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_