



## **Dog Adoption Application**

We reserve the right to decline applications for any reason. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Please note that there are no right and wrong answers and that you will neither be accepted nor rejected as a potential adopter based on this application alone.

By signing, I am accepting these terms: I, \_\_\_\_\_, am at least 19 years of age. I confirm that everything I write in this application is true. I agree to provide adequate water, nutritious food, shelter, medical care and any other necessities required to ensure quality of life for an animal. I agree to care for the animal in a humane and responsible manner as a member of the family and assume full responsibility for the animal's well being for the rest of its life. I agree that The Nature Association is in no way liable or responsible for any damage, accident or injury resulting from the placement of an animal into my household. I agree that, if for any unanticipated reason whereby the animal I adopt does not work out in my home, I will not attempt to re-home it myself or place it in a shelter; but that I will return it to The Nature Association, who will arrange to take the animal back free of charge (note: adoption fee will not be refunded).

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Animal name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone # (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Age (circle one): 0-17 18-25 25-45 45-65 65+

How many people reside in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, please provide your place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been employed at your current place of work? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? Yes No If yes, please provide ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Your current living situation is best described as (circle one):

Single-family home | Townhouse | Condo/Apartment | Basement/ shared suite | Other

Are you renting? Yes No

If yes, do you have permission of your landlord to own an animal? Yes No

If renting, please provide landlord's name and phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**If renting, you must provide a written letter of consent from your landlord and affix to this application prior to submission.**

If strata, what are the rules pertaining to animals?

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**If strata, you must provide a copy of your strata contract and affix to this application prior to submission.**

Do you have a yard? Yes No Is your yard fenced? Yes No

How high is the fence and of what material is it made? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have a fence, how will you keep the dog on your property?

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

Do you plan on moving in the next 6 months? \_\_\_\_\_

Do any of the resident in your household have allergies to dogs? If yes, please describe severity and how you plan to cope with the allergies:

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For whom are you adopting this pet? Yourself Gift Other \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been considering adopting a pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to own a pet? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you feel are the biggest responsibilities in owning a dog?

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

How much money do you estimate you will spend in the first year of owing a dog?

Medical: \_\_\_\_\_ Food and Supplies: \_\_\_\_\_ Misc. and Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How much \$ **exactly** are you willing to spend in an emergency (*eg.* if the dog is hit by a car)?

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on purchasing pet insurance? Yes No

Who will be the primary caregiver for the pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog be: (i.e. in the yard, inside your dwelling, crated, in a pen etc.):

When you are **at home**? \_\_\_\_\_

When you are **away** (at work etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

When you are **on vacation**? \_\_\_\_\_

When the dog is sleeping **at night**? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours will the dog be left alone during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the maximum consecutive length of time that the dog will be alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you done any research on or do you have any formal experience in obedience training?  
Please describe the type of training you will be using.

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

What type of collar will the dog wear? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per day of exercise do you think a dog should have? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently own any other animals? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the following:

Type of Pet	Age	Name	Spayed/Neutered?	Vaccinated?
1				
2				
3				
4				

If pets not spayed or neutered, please explain why:

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If pets not vaccinated, please indicate why:

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Do any of your current animals have notable medical conditions? If so, please explain:

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Have you owned animals in the past? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the following (for the 4 most recent pets):

Type of Pet	Age	Name	Cause of death / Reason you no longer have the pet
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2			
3			
4			

Have you ever surrendered a dog to a shelter before? If yes, please explain in detail:

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Under what circumstances would you not keep this dog?

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What would you do if you could no longer take care of the dog?

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What would you do if you came home and found that the dog had eaten a pair of your favorite shoes? How would you correct this kind of behavior?

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If you arrived home and the dog had defecated or urinated in the house, how would you handle this and what would you do to correct this?

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If you tried to take food/toys from the dog and it growled at you, what would you do and what steps would you take to correct this behavior?

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Provide the name and phone number of your veterinarian for previous and/or current pets. **If you have animals but no regular vet**, please explain why. **If you have never owned animals**, please look into and provide the name of a nearby veterinary office you might consider using.

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Provide the name and phone number of a personal reference – **not a family member**:

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Dogs that have grown up in a large shelter may differ from those who grew up in a home or with a breeder. Their entire lives as puppies may have been limited to spending time with other puppies, and they may take some time to get used to humans, large dogs, and every sort of object and noise in the outside world, *e.g.* cars, doorbells, children, leashes, etc. They will require a good deal of patience, commitment and understanding. On the other hand, all our dogs come from mixed genetic backgrounds and are consistently healthier than purebreds; they are remarkably intelligent; they will be forever grateful to you for transforming their lives; and most people who adopt a shelter dog consider it to be extremely personally rewarding. Please take this space to address any questions or concerns you may have about adopting a Romanian shelter dog:

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**Thank you for taking the time to complete this application in full. All applications are reviewed by a minimum of two staff and the approximate processing time is 24-72 hours.**

**FOR STAFF USE ONLY:**

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