

ADOPTION APPLICATION

This questionnaire was designed to help us evaluate potential adopters. Rainbow Animal Rescue wants to ensure that the adopting family feels they are able to handle the great responsibilities that come with adopting an animal. Pet adoptions can place physical, mental and financial burden on a household and we want to be sure that your family understands and is prepared to deal with these extremely important issues. Adopters must be at least 21 years of age (25 years old for Pit Bulls). Adoption is **not** first come-first serve. We adopt our animals to the **best home** based on the information you provide.

Please fill in all information—failing to do so slows down the adoption process. Thank you!

Name of dog you are interested in: _____

Name of applicant: _____ Age: _____ Name of co-applicant: _____ Age: _____

Driver's license number: _____ State: _____

Address: _____ Apt #: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Applicant's employer: _____ Position: _____ Phone: _____

Military (if applicable) Commanding officer: _____ Ship (if Navy): _____

Co-applicant's employer: _____ Position: _____ Phone: _____

Veterinarian's name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of children in your home: _____ Ages: _____ Do they live with you full time? Yes No

Number of adults living in your home: _____ Is anyone home during the day? Yes No Who? _____

Who will be responsible for caring for your dog? _____

What do you consider the location of your home to be? Suburban Urban Rural

Type of home: House Apartment Townhouse Condominium Other (please describe) _____

I Own Rent (if you rent you **must** provide proof that you are allowed to have dogs)

Landlord's Name: _____ Phone: _____

How would you describe the activity level in your home? Active Moderate Quiet

Do you have a fenced in yard? Yes No If yes, what type and height of fence do you have? _____

If fenced, how many gates do you have? _____ How are the gates secured? _____

I have a Dog door Runner/pulley system Invisible fence Dog house Outdoor kennel Dog run
 Adequate outdoor shelter

Why do you want to adopt a dog? _____

Most rescue dogs have been abandoned and may have behavioral and/or emotional issues. How are you and your family prepared to deal with these potential issues?

Where will your dog be kept? Indoors Outdoors Equally indoors and outside Tied/chained outside

How long will your dog be left alone during the day? _____ When your dog is home alone, will your dog be

Allowed free movement throughout the house Confined in a room Crated Left outside Left in the garage

Do you have any cats? Yes No Where do they stay during the day? _____ During the night? _____

If you have other animals, where do they stay during the day? _____ During the night? _____

Please list animals previously owned (other than fish, rodents, or reptiles) and describe what happened to them.

Please list all animals **presently owned** (other than fish, rodents, and reptiles): Please include type of animal/breed, how long you have owned the animal, age, gender, neutered/spayed, and vaccinations.

Are your animals on flea and heartworm preventative? Yes No Including food, veterinary care, grooming, licensing, and any other expenses, how much do you think taking proper care of your dog will cost for one year? \$_____

Do you believe in spaying/neutering? Yes No Are your present animals spayed or neutered? Yes No

If not, what is the reason for not spaying/neutering? _____

Your dog could depend on you for the next 14 years. Are you prepared to make that commitment? Yes No

Have you ever given up a dog before? Yes No For what reason? _____

What types of behavior problems would cause you to return your dog? Excessive barking Chewing Housebreaking
 Shedding Digging Does not get along with other animals Other (please describe) _____

To help resolve the problems, are you willing to crate train? Yes No Attend obedience class? Yes No

What will you do with your dog when on vacation? _____

What will you do with your dog if you move? _____

Under what possible circumstances would you return your dog? Move New Baby Divorce Personal illness

High cost of animal's care Other (please describe) _____

Give the names and phone numbers of two references such as a neighbor or friend (**no family members please**).

1) _____ Phone (H): _____ Phone (W): _____

2) _____ Phone (H): _____ Phone (W): _____

Individuals who adopt from Rainbow Animal Rescue are contacted periodically for an update to help ensure the dog successfully adjusts to its new home. If you adopt your dog from Rainbow Animal Rescue, Inc, will you consent to occasional contact to ensure your dog is doing well in your home? Yes No

When is the best time to call you at home to check on your adopted dog? _____

If at any time an adopter cannot keep a dog, it must be returned to Rainbow Animal Rescue, Inc.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read this questionnaire **completely**, and comprehend the Adoption Application **fully**. I understand that applying **does not** ensure approval and that untruthful answers or failure to comply with the requirements of this application of the adoption contract can result in the forfeiture of the **Rainbow Animal Rescue dog adopted by me**.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

I certify that I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, abandonment, neglect, or abuse.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

If you are interested in assisting us with our work, please check your interests: Foster home Home checks

Transporting dogs Other (please describe) _____

Rainbow Animal Rescue, Inc. reserves the right to refuse or deny any application for any reason **other than race, creed, color, or religion**.

Please return this form to a Rainbow Animal Rescue representative.