

## 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.

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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.

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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.**