

Ready to Adopt?

Congratulations on your decision to adopt a rescued dog. Adoptable dogs in Akita Angels' adoption program can come to us from owners who have relinquished their dog to us or were rescued from a public shelter. This means we often have little to no firsthand knowledge about the dog's history prior to being with us, including health, temperament, or past behavior. While we do as much research as possible into the dog's background and carefully evaluate and assess each dog, we make no guarantees as to health, temperament, or behavior. We also make no guarantees on whether the dog is a purebred or a mix, and if it a mix, what other breed(s) it may be. We are, however, diligent and want to make a good match between an adopter and the dog to ensure it is a good fit for the dog, you, your family, and lifestyle, but the success of any adoption depends on your commitment and dedication to your new four-legged family member. We have extensive experience with Akitas and other large breeds and provide unlimited, no-cost advice, coaching, and support to our adopters for the dog's life. If at any time you have questions, concerns, or experience any difficulties, please contact us at: angels@akitaangels.org

While you and your family have made a decision to adopt a dog, the dog you adopt has no idea why he/she is going home with you. Many changes in a very short time can be frightening to a dog, regardless of its age, temperament, or history. When bringing a new dog home, give him/her plenty of time to adjust to the routine, energy level, smells, etc. of their new home. Give them a few days to rest, relax, and have some time alone. Let them have a space that is theirs and do not be alarmed if the dog is shy or does not seem to immediately bond with you.

Puppies should never be left alone all day to raise themselves; all dogs, regardless of age, require time with you in your home with you as a member of your family as you are now their Pack. Many behavior issues occur when a dog is isolated from its family or left alone for long periods and experiences stress/separation anxiety. Most of the time, when people contact us about issues "with their dogs" we find that this is usually the result of something the owner is (or is not) doing.

The following pages contain a detailed application. It is not designed to invade your privacy but helps ensure that we get the information we need to make the best possible match for you and a dog. Some adopters find the application helpful since it helps identify potential issues that they may not have considered before, and this opens dialogue between us. Much of our work focuses on minimizing, or correcting, dogs with behavior-related issues, and we have found that in 90-95% of cases, by working with the owner, they can more effectively work with their dog to minimize unwanted behaviors.

Please complete the application in full and sign it. If you require additional space, please attach a sheet of paper to the application. Once you have submitted your application, it will be reviewed by several members of our group, and someone will phone you. If we feel there is a good fit between you and the dog you are interested in, we will schedule an appointment to meet the dog in a neutral setting. If you have another dog or dogs, please plan to bring them to the "meet and greet" so they can be introduced properly and we can evaluate their demeanor towards one another. Immediate family members or others who live in the home with you should attend the appointment as well.

Akita Angels primarily rescues Akitas, but we also help other large, dominant and/or primitive-breed dogs. Dogs that fall into these categories are highly intelligent, strong-willed, can be unsocial to new people or situations and can have a strong prey drive. We cannot make any guarantees about how a particular dog will react to other dogs, cats, or other animals in your home, yard, on your property, or outside the home in public, so we strongly caution you that an Akita, as with any dog breed, may not recognize another dog or cat as a family pet and in mere moments can cause injuries to another animal that can result in severe injury or death. The reverse is also true of the resident dog (or other animal).

Some dogs, even older ones, can be taught to live with cats and other small animals, however introductions must be completed carefully and an adjustment period must be expected. We can provide tips on integrating your dog with other animals, but recommend that you never leave your dog alone with the other animals. We also strongly advise that you never leave a dog, regardless of breed or size, alone with an infant, toddler, small child or children, even for a moment. We also strongly advise that you never take a dog to a dog park or other off-leash area because of the high incidence of dog fights and injuries, and because they are full of viruses, bacteria, other diseases that can make your dog sick.

We do not allow adopted dogs to be bred, and in some cases, puppies under 3 months of age may not be spayed/neutered at the time of adoption and these adoptions will require a separate Spay/Neuter Agreement and a trust deposit to be paid by adopter and held by the rescue to ensure the puppy is spayed or neutered no later than 6 months of age. These dogs are released under a "foster to adopt" agreement and the adoption is not complete until the certificate of spay/neuter is received by our rescue. Once proof of spay/neuter is provided, your trust deposit will be returned within 2 business days. Puppies under 4 months of age require a series of vaccinations which will be started by us, but the adopter will complete the vaccination series with their own veterinarian and at their own expense.

Akita Angels is an IRS-approved, 501C3 tax-exempt, non-profit animal-welfare organization. Every member of Akita Angels is an uncompensated volunteer. Our administrative expenses include insurance, website fees, P.O. Box Rental, banking fees and office supplies. Your donation helps us provide help to Akitas and other large, dominant-breed dogs and their families in need. We will discuss adoption donations with you and suggest a donation that is appropriate for the dog you wish to adopt. Adoption donations can range from \$250-\$1,000.00 but average \$350-\$500.00. Adoption donations cover the cost of shelter pull fees, transportation, boarding, veterinary care, grooming, high quality food, and microchipping. All dogs are examined by a vet checked prior to adoption and we will provide complete copies of any medical/behavioral/shelter or records we may have on the dog. We ask that if you are able to donate more than the adoption donation, please consider doing so as this helps us provide valuable help to more dogs and their families in need. We welcome your donation of time as well. If you are interested in lending a hand or becoming one of our network of "Angels", please let us know.

Adoption donation and trust deposits can be made with a Money Order, Cashier's Check, Personal check, or Bank Transfer (through Zelle) but funds are considered received once the funds have cleared our bank. You can also send adoption donations or trust deposits through PayPal, however, please add 5% to cover PayPal Fees. To send funds, please use our email address: angels@akitaangels.org

Please sign and email your completed application to: angels@akitaangels.org

ADOPTION APPLICATION

Akita Angels

Adopter 1	Adopter 2
Name (First, Middle, Last)	Spouse (First, Middle, Last):
Address:	Address:
City/State/Zip:	City/State/Zip:
Telephone (home):	Telephone (home):
Telephone (cell):	Telephone (cell):
Email Address:	Email Address:
Date of Birth:	Date of Birth:
Driver's License & State Issued by:	Driver's License & State Issued by:
Employer Name:	Employer Name:
Employer Address:	Employer Address:
Telephone (work):	Telephone (work):
Do you work inside or outside the home?	Do you work inside or outside the home?
Average # of hours you work each week?	Average # of hours you work each week?

About the Dog You Wish to Adopt
Dog's Advertised Name:
What is your idea of an ideal dog and why?
I/We Desire a dog that is:
Age range: <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Size (when full grown) <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Large
Desired Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference
Willing to adopt dog that: <input type="checkbox"/> needs training <input type="checkbox"/> shy <input type="checkbox"/> special needs <input type="checkbox"/> must be an only pet

Family Information – Please List the following:
Minor (under age 18) children who live in OR frequently visit the home:
Child 1 Name/Age:
Child 2 Name/Age:
Child 3 Name/Age:
Child 4 Name/Age:
Child 5 Name/Age:
Child 6 Name/Age:
Please list any adults (over age 18) other than Adopter 1 & 2 who live in the home:
Adult Name/Relationship to Adopter(s) & Tel:
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Other Pets – Are there Other Pets in the Home? What Species? Age? Breed?					
	Species/Dog? Cat?	Name	Age	Sex	Altered?
Pet 1					
Pet 2					
Pet 2					
Pet 3					
Pet 4					
Pet 5					
Pet 6					
Pet 4					
Are all pets in the home current on vaccinations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Are all dogs in the home licensed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Have you ever surrendered a pet to Animal Control? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes-why?)					
Have you ever had a pet euthanized? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes-why?)					
Have you ever lost a pet to an accident? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes-what happened?)					
Have you ever owned an Akita? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Have you ever owned a large-breed dog other than an Akita? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
If yes – list breed(s)					

About Your Home
Type of dwelling: <input type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> Condo/Townhome <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Do you OWN or do you RENT this Property? <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent

** Many Insurance companies have bans on dog breeds or size. **
Do you have Homeowner's or Renter's Liability Insurance?
Name of Insurance Company:
Agent Name, Telephone and/or Email:

** Many Leases/Rental Agreements have bans on dog breeds or size. **
Property Management Company:
Landlord Name, Telephone & Email:
Is this Property in a Homeowner's Association (HOA) or Property Owner's Association (POA) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of HOA or POA:
HOA or POA Representative, Telephone and/or Email:

Environment	
Describe your household:	<input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Noisy <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet <input type="checkbox"/> Average
Is your neighborhood/complex dog friendly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have a yard?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Approximate size of yard: ____ feet x ____ feet or Acre(s) _____
Is the property or yard bordered by a fence or wall?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Height: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Fence? <input type="checkbox"/> Chain Link Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Wrought Iron Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete /Block Wall <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Are exterior gates locked at all times?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have an in-ground swimming pool or spa?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is the pool/spa fenced? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you use the services of a :	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardener <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Maintenance
When the dog goes outside, how do you plan to supervise it?	
If you do not have a yard, where will the dog go to the bathroom?	
How many times a day will you walk your dog?	
Where will the dog be/stay during the day/Inside? Outside?	
Where will the dog be/sleep at night/Inside? Outside?	
Who will care for this dog in your absence? Name/Tel:	
Where will the dog stay/be cared for if you travel?	
Where will the dog stay/be cared for if you or go on vacation?	
Maximum hours/day the dog will be alone:	Do you have a kennel or large crate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What is the maximum amount of time you would leave the dog a kennel or crate?	
How will the dog be sheltered from extreme heat, cold, rain, snow, thunderstorms, fireworks?	

Training/Discipline/Behavior Modification/Management	
How much time will you allow a new pet to adjust to your home?	
Have you ever housebroken a dog?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How will you handle excessive barking:	
How will you handle a dog that is digging:	
How will you handle resource (food/toy) guarding?	
How will you handle aggression towards people?	
How will you handle aggression towards other domesticated animals?	
Under what circumstances would you not keep a dog?	
Under what circumstances would you euthanize a dog?	
Do you agree to contact us if you experience issues or have concerns with this dog?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you agree to contact Akita Angels if you can no longer keep this dog?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

List the Person who has agreed to care for the dog if you become injured, seriously ill, or suddenly die?	
Name:	Relationship:
Telephone:	Email:
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	

References	
Reference 1:	Phone:
Reference 2:	Phone:

Veterinarian
Name:
Name of Clinic:
City/State & Telephone:

With my signature below, I understand and agree that:

- I have voluntarily completed and submitted this Adoption Application and have provided truthful responses to each question. I understand that providing any false information on this application will result in an immediate rejection of my application.
- This Adoption Application does not constitute an Agreement, implied or otherwise, that a dog will be adopted to me. I understand that Applications are screened by several members of Akita Angels with the goal of making a good match between an adopter and a dog. I understand that my application may be denied for any reason, or that the dog I wish to adopt may not be deemed to be suitable for me.
- Akita Angels may contact any person or entity that I have listed on this application (to include but not limited to my employer, landlord, references, veterinarian) for additional information, to verify information that I have provided, or request to see a copy of my Rental/Lease Agreement, Homeowner's/Property Owners Association CC&R's, or Homeowner's/Renter's Insurance policy.
- I have reviewed Akita Angels' Adoption Process (www.akitaangels.org/Adopt) and understand that Akita Angels reserves the right a) to request additional information; b) modify the Adoption Process at any time, for any reason, and without advance notice or explanation; b) to approve or deny an application for any reason, at any time, and without explanation; c) To adopt or refuse adoption of any dog to any person or any family at any time, for any reason, and without explanation.

Adopter 1	Adopter 2
Date:	
Printed Name:	
Signature:	