



A Better Life Animal Rescue, Inc.
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Adoption Application

After receiving your completed application, we will review it, contact you and schedule a home visit. Vet and personal references will be checked. Much consideration will be given to helping you meet a perfect match! Often, we receive many applications on one particular animal. Our goal is to place the animal in the best home possible based on its needs, personality and past history. **Please note that adoptions are NOT done on a first come, first serve basis, and filling out an application does not guarantee the adoption of any animal. We reserve the right to refuse any applicant for inaccurate or false information.** At all times, we look to place the animal in the best possible home. All pets are spayed or neutered prior to adoption with the exception of puppies under the age of six months. A separate spay/neuter contract will need to be signed during the adoption process. Thank you for your cooperation.

PET ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Name _____

Date _____

Age or birth date _____

Give us a little information on what you are Looking for in a pet:

Spouse or roommate _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Cell phone _____

Personality: _____

Driver's License #: _____

Size: _____ Sex Male Female

Cell phone _____

If there is a particular A Better Life Animal Rescue pet you are interested in please list name:

Email _____

Occupation: _____

Spouses occupation _____

Employer: _____

Spouses Employer _____

1. Do you live in a (check where applicable):

- House Condo Apartment Mobile Home Military Housing Other

Name of condo or apartment complex, if applicable _____

Type of environment: Rural Suburban City

2. How long have you been at this address? _____

3. Do you rent? Yes No

4. If you rent, do you have the landlord's permission to have a pet there? Yes No

5. May we contact your landlord? Yes No Landlord's name & phone # _____

6. Is anyone in the home a smoker? Yes No Do you allow smoking in the home? Yes No

7. Would you object to a home visit? Yes No Random visit? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

8. Where will your pet be kept? Strictly indoors Outdoors only when we're with it Garage

In/out with 'pet door' or open window Strictly outdoors Other (please explain _____

Is this likely to change in the future? Yes No If you answered yes, please explain: _____

Where will the animal sleep at night _____

How many hours a day will your pet be left alone? _____

Where will your pet be kept when left alone? _____

9. DO YOU HAVE A FENCED IN YARD? Yes No

If so, is it connected to the house (backyard attached to backdoor, etc.)? Yes No

What are the height and dimensions of fenced in area? _____

If no fenced in backyard, how will the pet be exercised and allowed to eliminate? _____

10. Will you keep an I.D. tag on your pet? Yes No

11. What other animals do you currently own? _____ # of dogs _____ # of cats _____ Other (type) _____

Please list breed, sex and ages of all pets: _____

Are pets spayed/neutered? Yes No If no, please explain: _____

12. Name of veterinarian _____

Address and phone: _____

13. How will your animal travel to the vet and other places (car, crate, van, back of truck, etc.)?

14. How many adults are living in your home? _____ Please list their ages _____

How many children are living in your home? _____ Please list their ages _____

What is the activity level of your household?

_____ Busy-visits by friends, meetings, children, and parties at home

_____ Noisy-television, stereo, machinery, tools, kids playing

_____ Moderate- normal comings and goings

_____ Quiet homebodies, few guests

15. Do you believe in crates? If so, for what purpose?

16. What member of the family will take MAJOR responsibility for this animal? _____

17. What pets have you owned before? Please indicate whether you still have these pets, and if not, what happened to them (if more room is needed, complete on back of form):

18. All pets have been known to have behavioral challenges whether barking, mouthing, pulling on leash, digging, etc. How do you intend to handle these potential problems?

Are there any specific habits or problems that you are not willing to work with? If so, please specify: _____

All pets take time to settle into their new home. How much time are you willing to give your pet to settle in and become comfortable?

What actions will you take or not take to help them adjust?

How will you protect them during the adjustment period?

19. Healthy animals need routine veterinary care and regular vaccinations. What is your estimate of these costs? _____

20. How soon after the pet arrives home will it be left alone? _____

21. How often do you leave town? _____

22. How will you plan to care for your pet while you are away? _____

23. What will happen to the pet if you move? Locally _____

Out of state _____ Overseas _____

24. Do you know that the life expectancy of a pet may be 10 – 15 years? Are you willing to take responsibility for your pet's entire life? Yes No

25. Under what circumstances would you not keep this pet? Divorce Move New Baby
 Job Transfer My serious illness Pet's serious illness
 Other (please explain) _____

26. Why do you want a pet? Number those that apply in order of importance, 1=most important.

____ For children ____ Companion for self ____ For spouse ____ Mouser ____ As a gift
____ For other pet ____ Other (please explain) _____

What are your plans for this pet? ____ Protection/guard ____ Companion ____ Child's pet
____ Therapy ____ Agility ____ Herding ____ Ranch work ____ Other, explain _____

27. What made you choose this particular pet? _____

28. How did you hear about our rescue and/or who referred you to us? _____

29. List names, telephone and e-mail addresses of three personal, unrelated references who you have known for at least three years.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

30. Please tell us a little about yourself and why you feel you could provide a good home for a rescued companion animal:

By signing this application, I attest to the fact I am 21 years of age or older and the above information is correct.

I, _____, hereafter referred to as the adopter, hereby agree that the above described animal is being adopted by me solely as a pet for myself and/or my immediate family. I agree that I will not sell, give away or otherwise dispose of said animal to any person(s), dealer, retailer, auction, institute or any other entity for any reason. If at a later date I am unable or unwilling to keep this pet, I agree to contact A Better Life Animal Rescue and return the pet to them.

I hereby agree to care for the above-described pet in a humane and responsible manner and to provide it with clean and adequate shelter, food, water and veterinary care. I further agree that said pet shall reside inside my home. **NO CHAINS, NOT TIED UP OUTSIDE, NO WIRELESS FENCES ARE ALLOWED AND PET SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ROAM FREELY.** Adequate shelter must be provided against weather and sun if a dog is outside for any period of time.

I hereby agree that this pet shall wear a collar or harness with identification tags at all times with the exception of being crated in the home. The pet **WILL NOT WEAR SHOCK OR ANTI-BARK COLLARS.** I hereby agree that the adoption fee helps to cover the current owner's expense of raising and caring for the animal. I hereby understand and agree that the current owner makes no representations or warranties, expressed or implied, regarding the above-mentioned animal's temperament and is hereby absolved from any liability for future damages or injuries caused by said animal. I also understand and agree that the current owner further makes no guarantees, expressed or implied, of the suitability of the animal to the adopter and/or his/her family.

ADOPTER'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

I certify that all statements made by me on this adoption agreement are true and correct. I agree that the current owner has the right to confiscate the above described animal in the event that any statements made by me are found to be false and/or my check for the adoption fee is returned for insufficient funds.

ADOPTER'S SIGNATURE DATE: _____

WITNESS SIGNATURE DATE: _____

- 1 Current owner is defined as the person who originally held the above described animal in possession.
- 2 Adopter is defined as the person who accepts for adoption the above described animal.

We reserve the right to refuse any applicant.