



**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! Adoption fees are individually based depending on care costs incurred. 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 animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption. Thank you for your cooperation.

**ANIMAL ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Age or birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or roommate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

What animal or type of animal are you interested in? Please check box:

☐ Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Other (specify)

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_

Sex ☐ M neutered ☐ F spayed

Spouses occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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. Are there screens on all doors and windows you open for ventilation? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

If outside, what type of shelter is provided? \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of gates are there (chain link, wooden)? \_\_\_\_\_

Can they be opened by children? \_\_\_\_\_

If no fenced in backyard, how will the animal be exercised and allowed to eliminate? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a swimming pool ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, is it fenced in separately from yard? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Explain \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. Is anyone in your household allergic to animals? ☐ Yes ☐ No

12. 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

13. Name of veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_  
Address and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

14. 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

14. On the first night home, where will your pet stay? (Please be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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

20. If this pet were to become sick or injured, would you be willing and able to provide adequate veterinary care?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

21. How soon after the pet arrives home will it be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

22. How often do you leave town? \_\_\_\_\_

23. How will you plan to care for your pet while you are away? \_\_\_\_\_

24. What will happen to the pet if you move? \_\_\_\_\_ locally  
\_\_\_\_\_ out of state \_\_\_\_\_ overseas

25. 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

26. 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) \_\_\_\_\_

27. 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 animal? \_\_\_\_ Protection/guard \_\_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_\_ Child's pet  
\_\_\_\_ Therapy \_\_\_\_ Agility \_\_\_\_ Herding \_\_\_\_ Ranch work \_\_\_\_ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever trained a dog in obedience classes? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be taking your adopted dog to obedience classes? ☐ Yes ☐ No

28. What made you choose this particular pet?\_\_\_\_\_

29. How did you hear about our rescue and/or who referred you to us?\_\_\_\_\_

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30. In the last five years, have any pets that you have owned been stolen, lost, sold or been given away by you? If yes, please explain. Please use additional sheet or the back of this page.

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 first contact the above described current owner and give them the option to reclaim said pet at no charge.

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 or safely inside a fenced in area (NO CHAINS, NOT TIED UP OUTSIDE) and 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. 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTER'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS SIGNATURE

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.

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