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ADOPTION APPLICATION

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 shelter. This means we often have little to no firsthand knowledge about the dog's history prior to being with us, including their health, temperament, or 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 dog, a mix, and if so, 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 adopters long after the adoption has taken place. If at any time you have questions, concerns, or experience any difficulties, please contact us for help.

You and your family have made a decision to adopt a dog, but remember - the dog you take ultimately home 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 it plenty of time to adjust to the routine, energy level, smells, etc. of their new home. Give them a few days to just relax, have some time alone, and rest. 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, and all dogs, regardless of age, require time with you, inside 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 issues "with their dogs" that people contact us about typically go back to something the owner is doing, or is not doing.

The following pages contains a detailed application to adopt. It is not designed to invade your privacy, but helps ensure that we will make the best possible match for you and the dog. Some adopters find the application helpful since it helps identify potential issues that they may not have considered before, and this opens dialogue and we can discuss them together. Much of our work focuses on minimizing or correcting dogs with behavior-related issues, and we have found that 90-95% of issues a dog is having involves training the owner, not the dog.

Please be sure to complete the application in full, and sign it. If you require additional space to further explain any question, 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. If we feel there is a good fit between you and the dog you are interested in, we will contact you to arrange an appointment to meet the dog in a neutral setting. If you have another dog or dogs, we will require a second visit with the other dog(s) so they can be introduced properly and we can see their demeanor towards one another. If there are other members of the family that live in the home with you, we will require that come with you to the appointment as well.

We primarily support the Akita breed, but also help other dogs such as Alaskan Malamutes, Huskies, and Korean Jindos. All of these breeds are highly intelligent, strong willed dogs that have a strong prey drive and are hunters by nature. We cannot make any guarantees about how a particular dog will react to cats or other small animals, in your home, in your yard, on your property, or outside the home in public, so strongly caution you that a dog may not recognize another dog or cat as a family pet and in mere moments can cause injures to another animal that can result in severe injury or death. 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 you never leave your dog alone with the other animals. We also strongly advise you to never leave a dog alone with a small child or children, because one can never predict the way small children and dogs will interact with one another when they are alone and injury can occur. We also strongly advise you to never take your dog to a dog park or other off leash area because of the high incidence of dog fights & injuries, and because they are full of bacteria & disease.

We do not allow adopted dogs to be bred, not even "just one litter" for your own family and friends. 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 trust deposit to be paid by adopter to ensure the puppy is spayed or neutered no later than 6 months of age. Once proof of spay/neuter is provided, your trust deposit will be returned within 3 business days. Puppies under 4 months of age require a series of vaccinations which will be started by us, but adopter will complete the vaccination series with their own veterinarian and at their own expense.

Akita Angels is a 501C3 tax-exempt, non-profit animal welfare organization. We are a volunteer-based organization and do not draw any wages. Our administrative costs include our annual P.O. Box Rental and website fees. Your donation helps us provide help other dogs and their families in need. We will discuss adoption donations with you and can suggest a range appropriate for the dog you wish to adopt. Adoption donations typically range from \$200.00-\$1,200.00 but are flexible as we do not want an adoption donation to ever stand in the way of a dog finding a loving, forever home. Adoption donations cover the cost of shelter pull fees, transportation, boarding, foster care, high quality food, health checks, vaccinations, spay/neuter, micro-chipping, veterinary expenses, medications, antibiotics, puppy formula, collars, leashes, and more. All dogs are vet checked prior to adoption and we will provide complete copies of any records we may have on the dog. We are completely self funded and 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. Have a special skill? Accounting? Website Development? Writing? So much can be done from a computer and in your free time. If you are interested in lending a hand or becoming one of our network of "Angels", please let us know.

Adoption donations and trust deposits are payable in by cash, check, or cashier's check but the latter will only be considered "accepted" upon it's clearance at our bank. You can also pay adoptions, spay/neuter trust deposits, or make an additional donation via "Paypal" or "Square" for a small additional fee which covers the financial institution's imposed fee. If you wish to pay via Paypal, please send to angels@akitaangels.org using "Send Money" tab; "Personal" tab; "Gift"; and enter amount, and a short note in the memo section.

Please email your application to angels@akitaangels.org

Personal Information	
Adopter Name:	Spouse Name:
Home Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Cell:	Spouse's Cell:
Home Telephone:	
Email:	Spouse's Email:
Date of Birth:	Date of Birth:
Driver's license# and State Issued by:	DL# & nd State Issued by:
Adopter's Employer's Name:	Spouse's Employer's Name:
Address:	Address:
Work Phone:	Work Phone:
Average # of hours you work each week:	Spouse's Average # of Hours worked each week:
About the Dog You Wish to Adopt	
Dog's Advertised Name:	
What is your idea of an ideal dog and why?	
Desired age range:	Desired Full Grown Size: <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"/> high energy <input type="checkbox"/> shy <input type="checkbox"/> has special needs <input type="checkbox"/> must be an only pet	
Family Information - Attach additional sheet if necessary	
Why do you want to adopt a dog?	
Who will be responsible for the care of the dog?	
Who will have legal and financial responsibility for the dog?	
Do you or does anyone you live with have an allergy to dogs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Please list all children, with ages, who live in, or frequently visit the home:	
Child 1: Name/Age	Child 2: Name/Age
Child 3: Name/Age	Child 4: Name/Age
Have your children been around large dogs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What breed?	
I agree to properly supervise my children when they are around the dog. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
I agree to teach my children to never tease, torment, grab, pull on or hit the dog. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
I agree to teach my children to never disturb the dog when it is eating or sleeping. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Other than spouse, please list name(s), phone number(s), and relationship of all adults who live in the home:	
Adult 1:	
Adult 2:	
I have permission from all adults living in the home to adopt a dog and agree that the dog is allowed to enter and sleep inside the home. The dog will not be kept outside or otherwise isolated from the family. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Other Pets - Attach additional sheet if necessary	
Do you have specific experience with large breed dogs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What kind?	
What experience do you have with Akitas (or the breed of dog you wish to adopt)?	
Are there other pets in the home? How many and what kind?	
Pet 1:	Pet 3:
Pet 2:	Pet 4:
Are your current pets spayed or neutered? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, why?	
Can you provide proof of current vaccination for all pets in the home <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you every 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?	
How do you discipline your pets and why?	
Do you have time to provide adequate love and attention to a pet?	

Environment Information - attach additional sheet if necessaryHome: Do you own Rent? Type of dwelling: House Condo Apt. Other

Many leases, rental agreements, and/or Homeowners Associations (HOA) have bans on breed or size of dog. If you rent in an apartment, condo, townhome, or are part of a HOA, please provide the name and phone number of your landlord

HOA representative and/or a copy of your Agreement. Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Please describe your household: Active Noisy Quiet AverageIs your neighborhood/complex dog friendly? Yes NoDo you have a yard? Yes No approximate size of yard: _____Is your yard fenced or walled? Yes No What is your Fence/Wall height & material? _____Are exterior gate(s) securely locked at all times? Yes No Pool? Yes No Is your pool fenced? Yes

If you do not have a yard, where will the dog go to the bathroom?

When the dog goes outside, how do you plan to supervise it?

Where will the dog stay during the day? _____ Where will the dog sleep at night? _____

Where will the dog stay when you are not home, i.e., at work?

Who will care for this animal in your absence? Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Where will the dog stay/how will he/she be cared for if you travel?

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

Hours per day will the pet be alone: _____ Do you have a kennel or crate? Yes No Will you get one? Yes

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?

Have you ever tethered or chained a dog to a stationary object while unsupervised for more than a short time? YesAre you willing to let a representative of Akita Angels visit your home by appointment? Yes NoWill you agree to never transport the dog in the open bed of a pickup truck? Yes NoWill you agree to never leave this dog enclosed in a motor vehicle on a hot day? Yes No**Commitment and Responsibility - Attach additional sheet if necessary**Your dog may live 15 years or more. Are you committed to providing a home for your pet's entire life? Yes No

How much time are you prepared to allow for your new pet to adjust to your home?

How many times a day will you walk your dog?

Have you ever housebroken a dog? Yes No

What do you feel is the best way to discipline a dog?

Will you contact us if you experience any issues or concerns with this dog? Yes NoDo you have the financial ability to consult a dog trainer, behaviorist or other professional if needed? Yes No

Describe what you would do if your dog develops a problem with: Housebreaking:

Housebreaking:

Digging:

Barking:

Resource (food/toy) guarding or aggression?

Aggression towards other people or animals?

Under what circumstances would you not keep a dog?

Under what circumstances would you euthanize a dog?

What will happen to this dog if you move?

If you are injured, become seriously ill or die, who will care for the dog? Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Telephone: _____ Address: _____

Do you agree to contact Akita Angels if you can no longer keep this dog? Yes NoDo you agree to work with Akita Angels and make proper arrangements and efforts to find your dog a new home? **References: Please list those who know you, know you, your immediately family, and other pets, if any.**

Reference 1: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference 2: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference 3: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Medical Information

Veterinary Clinic Name & Doctors Name:

I understand that Akitas and other large dogs can be susceptible to a medical condition known as gastric torsion or bloat. I agree to feed my dog high quality dog food, and avoid products containing wheat, corn or gluten. I realize that high quality food may only be available at pet stores or online, and can be more expensive. Yes No

I am able to afford regular health care by a Licensed Veterinarian and emergency care, if needed: Yes No

With my signature below, I certify that have answered the questions on this Adoption Application honestly. I understand that I may be contacted for additional information and my signature below authorizes a member of Akita Angels to contact my employer, landlord, references, or veterinarian if needed and if they require additional authorization from me, I will facilitate that communication.

I understand that providing false information on this application will result in immediate rejection of my application. I also understand that applications are screened by multiple members of Akita Angels with the intent of making a good match between adopter and a dog. I understand that my application to adopt may be denied for any reason and that this Adoption Application does not constitute an Agreement, implied or otherwise, that a dog will be adopted to me.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse Signature: _____ Date: _____