

# Saving Lives One Dog At A Time

# **REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADOPTION APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT**

Filling out this application does not guarantee that you will be approved to adopt one of our dogs. We will conduct a home visit and reference check as part of our application screening. We reserve the right to refuse any application.

The minimum age for adopting from our program is 21 years old. You must agree to take your new pet to your veterinarian for a general wellness check within 3 weeks of the dog joining your family. You must also agree to keep your new pet current on vaccinations and monthly heartworm and flea/tick prevention.

Applications are processed on a first come, first serve basis, however the dog will be placed with the applicant that can provide the best possible situation for his/her needs.

Our adoption fee is \$200 which ensures that the pet has had a spay/neuter surgery, a microchip and age-appropriate vaccinations. The adoption fee is due the day the dog is placed into your home.

Please know that **Dog Rescue R Us** strives to achieve the most successful match for both dog and prospective family. All adoptions have a 2-week trial period in which your adoption fee would be refunded if it turns out the dog is not a good fit for your family within that time period.

All current pets over the age of 6 months MUST be spayed or neutered unless otherwise restricted by a licensed veterinarian. Other reasons for not previously spay/neutering will be evaluated and approved by the board of directors of Dog Rescue R Us on a case by case basis but must be explained on the application.

All current pets MUST be up to date on the Rabies and Parvo/Distemper/Bordetella vaccinations.

All current pets **MUST LIVE INDOORS** with access to outdoors 365/24/7.

Your adoptive pet MUST be part of the family and intended to be a family member for a <u>LIFETIME</u>. If you are looking for a "guard dog" or "yard ornament" – Dog Rescue R Us is not for you.

Please be sure to include contact information for personal references, veterinarian references, and your landlord if applicable.

Please only include pets that YOU have been financially and medically responsible for. Do NOT include family pets that you did NOT make financial and medical decisions for.

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We will take into consideration your past pet ownership. This means we will take into consideration whether or not your past pets have been spayed or neutered. We will take into consideration if you have had to rehome a pet in the past. We will take into consideration whether or not past pet have been mostly indoor pets. Having to rehome a pet or a previous pet that was not spayed or neutered or previous pet being an outdoor pet does NOT automatically disqualify you. Each application will be decided on a case by case basis.

# Note: Application must be filled out **COMPLETELY**. Any application sent in incomplete will be disregarded and not processed.

### \*\*Please email completed applications to <a href="mailto:DogRescueRUs@gmail.com">DogRescueRUs@gmail.com</a>\*\*

Name of Dog being considered: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you feel this is the perfect dog for you and your family?

Please describe your homelife and how this dog would fit into it. What type of activities would you like for this dog to be able to join in on?

#### Personal Information:

Full Name	
Full Name of Co-Applicant	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phones	
Email	
Occupation	
Spouse's Occupation	
Veterinarian Name	
Veterinarian Phone/Address	
Personal Reference #1	

Personal Reference #2				

#### Your Current/Previous Pets:

Type/Breed	Pet's Name	Age	Spayed/ Neutered Y/N	Gender M/F	Still Have? Y/N	If no, what happened to this animal?

Do you own or rent your house? Length at address:

Required for renter: Have you informed your landlord/rental community that you are applying to adopt a dog? \_\_\_\_\_\_ We do require approval from the property owner before moving forward.

Required for Renter: Landlord or Homeowner's Name:

Required for Renter: Landlord or Homeowner's Phone Number:

Required for renter: Does your Landlord, Rental Property Management or Homeowner have any breed or size restrictions regarding pets?

Yes, there are breed restrictions.

Yes, there are weight limits.

Yes, there are breed and weight restrictions.

No restrictions.

What type of home do you live in?	(House, Apar	rtment, Duplex,	Townhouse,	Condo,	RV,	Mobile
Home)?						

Do you have a yard?

Is the vard fenced? If no, where will your animal relieve him/herself?

If so, how tall is the fence?

What material is the fence made of? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is it secure?

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Would you agree to a home check?
If you move in the future, what will happen to your dog?
Number of Adults in your household:
Number of Children in your household? Please tell us their age and gender, and if you feel they are respectful of pets. Are there other children that visit regularly? If so, please list their ages.
Is everyone, in your household, in agreement with adopting this pet?
Does anyone in your household have any allergies to animals or animal dander of any kind?
Who will be responsible for your companion animal? (Feeding, walking, cleaning up, etc.?)
Do you travel often?
Are you able to provide care for your animal while you are away from home? If yes, how?
Are you willing to pay for a dog walker/doggie daycare if necessary?
How many hours a day will your companion be left alone? Will he/she be crated during this time?
Where will the dog sleep at night?
How do you plan to train/discipline your new dog?
If your adopted animal is less than 6 months old, how will you handle housetraining (if needed)?
How will you exercise your dog, and how often?
Are you willing to provide professional dog training if needed?
Dogs can live up to 15 years and can become ill or injured. Are you prepared to take responsibility for your companion animal for his/her entire lifetime; including financially?
It may take your dog up to 6 months to adjust to a new home, are you willing to allow this much time for adjustment?

If your adopted animal is less than 6 months old and has not been spayed/neutered, what are your feelings on spay/neutering your animal?

Have you, or any member of your household, ever charged, fined, or convicted of any local, state, or federal law or regulations involving the inhumane treatment of animals?

Have you, or any member of your household, ever surrendered an animal over to any kind of animal shelter or rescue group? If so, please explain why.

I certify that all statements made by me on this adoption application are true and correct. I expressly consent to allow Dog Rescue R Us to verify any and all information in this application. I acknowledge falsification of any information on this application can result in me being denied adoption of an animal or confiscation of an adopted animal. By signing this document, I agree to return the animal to Dog Rescue R Us should I deem this adoption unsuitable. I understand and agree to pay any and all expenses, including court costs and attorney fees, necessary to enforce this contract. Also, by signing, I agree to return the animal to Dog Rescue R Us if my ability to adhere to the requirements herein change, which includes the disclaimer and Animal Not Yet Sterilized Clause.

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE	
CO-APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE

# PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING DISCLAIMER BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Because of the nature of our work and the extreme circumstances many of our animals find themselves in, we take every precaution to ensure our animals are in a home where they will thrive and be well cared for. Dog Rescue R Us reserves the right to deny any application we deem unsuitable. By signing this application, you are also agreeing that should there be ANY reason you would have to surrender your animal, you MUST physically surrender the animal to Dog Rescue R Us or one of our representatives immediately. You further agree that you will not sell, give away, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the rescued animal[s] adopted from our rescue without first notifying Dog Rescue R Us and giving us first option to obtain the animal.

Although we have tried our best to honestly represent the animal's temperament and history on the information we have to the best of our knowledge, we can make no guarantees about the animal. Therefore, our organization will not be held liable in any way for any accident, damage, or injury resulting from the placement of this animal[s] in your household and you specifically waive any such claim or claims against us by signing this agreement.

# \*\* ANIMAL NOT YET STERILIZED CLAUSE \*\*

If adopting an animal not yet sterilized, regardless of reason, from Dog Rescue R Us, you agree to have the animal sterilized within a reasonable amount of time. A reasonable amount of time constitutes the following: 1. Within thirty (30) days from date you received the animal from Dog Rescue R Us or 2. Within thirty (30) days from the date the animal reaches the age of six(6) months, unless otherwise deemed not healthy and/or under age to be safely sterilized, as determined by licensed Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

\*\*Proof of spay/neuter is due by \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant Initials \_\_\_\_\_