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START RESCUE ADOPTION APPLICATION FORM

We are volunteer based and **DO NOT HAVE A SHELTER LOCATION.**

Completed applications can be returned to this email address, and take "ruffly" 1-2 days to process. Once approved you will be contacted to schedule an appointment for the pet that wants to adopt you. **The adoption fee is \$300 for adult dogs, \$400 for puppies and \$150 for cats/kittens. (For unfixed pets - This will be considered a foster until proof of spay/neuter is received.) Please mark your answers clearly by using a bold font. We will not consider applications that are incomplete.**

Thank you for being PAWSOME!

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Name of DOG(s) you would like to be considered for _____

Comments about why you would like to adopt this particular dog: _____

START carefully screens each potential home to find the right family for each of our dogs. Each dog has a different personality, traits and needs; our goal is to make sure that the home they go to can meet their needs, will be a good personality match and has a high potential as a permanent home for the dog. Our applications are not considered first come, first served, but the best possible home for the dog. The suggested donation for each dog is based on their sociability, their training, their health and their temperament. This donation helps us cover the spay/neuter surgeries of the dogs we rescue; additionally their vaccinations, health care, training and pull fees from our local shelters.

Periodic home check must be agreed to and a legally binding contract will be required to adopt the animal.

Will you allow a **START** representative to visit your home? Y / N

Name of Applicant(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ preferred phone: _____

Birthdate _____

Who shares your household (mark all that apply):

Spouse or Life Partner Roommate(s) Live-In Help

Children? Y / N How many? How old?: _____

At what age DO YOU FEEL children are responsible enough to take care of a pet without assistance? (i.e. walk, feed, train) _____

Does anyone in your household have an allergy to animals that you are aware of? Y / N

Who is more the "dog person", you or your partner?

Are you aware of the life expectancy of the breed of dog you are applying to adopt? Y / N

Are you aware of the health problems common to this breed of dog? Y / N

Are you aware of the grooming needs of this breed of dog? Y / N

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Your Occupation? _____ Hours spent at work each week? _____

Employer? _____ phone _____

Please provide a personal reference that is not a member of your immediate family:

#1 _____ phone _____

#2 _____ phone _____

If your present relationship were to change, understand that YOU, as the applicant, are responsible for the care of the dog. If you are unable to keep the dog, and your current partner would like to transfer ownership a new application must be submitted and approved.

Do you plan to move or travel with the dog within the next year? Y / N
If yes, where, when and explain the circumstances:

Living Arrangements (circle your answer) Apartment Condo House

Homeowner Rent or Lease, but Landlord approves of pets

Landlord's name _____ phone _____

Is someone home during the day? Y / N How many hours will your dog be left alone each day? _____

Which of the following circumstances would force you to give up your dog? (Please circle all that applies)

Divorce or separation	Large veterinary expenses
Out of state move	Dog is untrainable
Move where pets are not allowed or weight restrictions	Dog is not the kind of dog I thought it would be
Barks incessantly and neighbors complaining about dog	Dog grew larger than anticipated
Dog nips at strangers	Plans to have a baby
Dog nips or bites children	Dog and current pets are incompatible
Marrying or dating someone with pet allergies	None of the above applies
Loss of bladder control	Other reason, not noted
Chronic illness developed by dog	

Ownership History (mark only one):

I have had dogs all my life (experienced owner)

I have worked with animals, know quite a bit about their behaviors and am looking for the perfect companion (ready to own)

I have always loved dogs, but have never owned one (novice)

How many dogs have you owned in the last 5 years? _____

What happened to the other dog[s]? _____

Do you have other pets? _____ If so, please complete the following:

Type of animal _____ breed _____ gender _____ age _____

Spayed/Neutered? _____ If no, explain why? _____

How do you feel your current pets will adjust to a new dog in the house?

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I am adopting a dog for the purpose of (circle all that apply):

Family pet
Child's companion
Gift for someone else

Companion for another pet
Protection/Guard Dog
Assistive/Companion Dog

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Is your yard completely fenced? Y / N

Fencing type, height (include the lowest height of the fence) _____

Amount of square feet of yard space available for the dog _____

Is your yard shared with other tenants? Y /

Which of the following is used to secure your gate? (Mark all that apply)

Latch _____ Keyed Lock _____ Deadbolt _____ Padlock _____

We do not lock our gate for the following reasons _____

Do you have a gardener, housekeeper or pool cleaner? Y / N If yes, where is the dog kept while they are working?

Do you trust your workers not to let the dog run out? Y / N

Where will your dog spend most of the day? (circle all that apply):

indoors
yard with dog house
indoor/outdoor with doggie door

garage
patio

Where will your dog sleep at night? (circle all that apply):

indoors
yard with dog house
indoor/outdoor with doggie door

garage
patio

Have you or would you be willing to train your dog in Obedience Classes? Y / N

What sort of behavioral modifications do you know will be needed by this dog after its adoption into my home?

What method do you intend to use to house train your dog? (circle all that apply):

Rub nose in offending spot
Take out every couple of hours until reliable

Crate training
Consult professional

What form of discipline will you use if your dog chews on household items (circle all that apply):

Swat nose
Use a stern voice

Spank firmly
No big deal to me

How will your dog get exercise? _____

In which of the following situations would you allow your dog off leash? (circle all that apply)

Public park
Hike
Beach
Neighborhood walk

Front yard
Back yard
Dog park

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When you go away, who will care for your dog? (circle all that apply)

House Sitter
Veterinarian Hospital
Boarding Kennel

Family or Friend's House
Neighbor comes by to feed and water, doesn't stay over

If your dog gets out, which of the following would you do? (circle all that apply)

Check local shelters
Put up signs
Ads in local newspapers

Flyers door to door
Wait for dog to return home

Are you prepared to cover any veterinary expenses your dog may incur through its lifetime? Y / N

Is there a limit of money that would be too much to save your dog's life? Y / N **How much is too much?** (dollar figure) \$ _____

What is your general veterinary philosophy (mark only one):

Within budget constraints
Will purchase Pet Insurance
If a great expense I would need assistance or would return the dog.
Spare no expense

Would you consider euthanizing a dog because of (mark all that apply):

_____ medical costs?
_____ health suffering?
_____ old age beyond life expectancy?
_____ behavioral concerns?

What is a behavior that would not be acceptable to your family?

I will agree to take the pet I have adopted to my veterinarian of choice WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF ADOPTION. If I find there is a medical condition I can choose to treat myself or return to **START** for further treatment.

Provide Veterinary Reference(s) here: _____

I have a history with (or intend to use): _____
phone _____

What arrangements will you make for your pet in the event of your disability or death:

Have you applied to adopt a dog from another Rescue Group or shelter? Y / N

If so, which one and what happened with your application? _____

I understand and agree that I must return my dog to **START if I am no longer able to care for it. I understand that I may not take to an Animal Shelter, Humane Society or give away on my own unless prearranged through the adoption contract by addendum.**

Will you return your dog to **START if you can no longer care for it?** Y / N

I UNDERSTAND THAT FILLING OUT THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ADOPTION OF A **START DOG. I AGREE THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS HONEST AND TRUE BY SIGNING BELOW.**

Applicant Signature _____ Date of Application _____

Print Name/Title _____