

## DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

Welcome to the Delaware County SPCA. We are glad that you have come to adopt a dog from our shelter. The following information is requested so that your adoption counselor can better assist you in the selection of a lifetime companion. Each animal's welfare is our foremost consideration.

The dogs available for adoption came here from a variety of sources. We can not guarantee the dogs' health or temperament. All animals are examined by a kennel technician upon entry. Their health is routinely monitored while at the shelter, however there is always a chance that they are incubating a disease without showing any clinical signs.

**Please initial here that you understand the above \_\_\_\_\_**

Be prepared that a yearly vet exam (including heartworm prevention) can cost up to \$200 a year for a dog. Puppies need vaccinations and worming that can cost up to \$50 a month for the first 4 months in your care.

**Please initial here that you understand the above \_\_\_\_\_**

We consider the adoption of a pet to be a life-long commitment of time, affection, money, patience and responsibility.

### **IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN ADOPTER TODAY, YOU MUST:**

- **Be at least 18 years of age**
- **Have a picture ID showing your current address**
- **Have the knowledge and verifiable consent of your landlord**
- **Have the knowledge and consent of all adults living in the household**
- **Understand that we have the right to verify any information on this application, including a property check, and to enforce any provision of the contract in the future.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a student? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you over 55? \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License/State ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in a:  House  Apartment  Trailer  Town Home

Do you:  Own  Rent  Live with Parents

Are you in the process of moving, or anticipate moving in the next few months?  Yes  No

If you rent, landlord's name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FOR OFFICE STAFF ONLY

Person Code \_\_\_\_\_

DNA Check \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Vet Check \_\_\_\_\_

ID Check \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ownership \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH WAIVER**

Animal Id #:

As of \_\_\_\_\_ (date), I acknowledge that the Delaware County SPCA can make no guarantees with regard to the health of the animal I am adopting. This animal has come in as a stray, owner relinquishment, or as part of a cruelty case. The animal may never have been seen by a veterinarian prior to arriving at the shelter. Therefore, the animal could be harboring a disease that is not immediately detectable. Some common illnesses/medical conditions that are often associated with homeless animals include, but are not limited to, internal parasites, external parasites, and upper respiratory infections. Some of these conditions/diseases are transmittable to your pets, your family or yourself. We recommend that you keep your new pet separate from any animals in your home until your veterinarian has examined this new pet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Other Potential Health Issues: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTION INFORMATION**

What kind of characteristics are you looking for in a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel you have given enough thought to this adoption? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you adopted from us before? When? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to assume the financial responsibilities of providing your dog with adequate food, medical care, housing, training, toys, etc.? (Approximately \$500 or more a year) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to commit to your new dog for the next 10-15 years? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you schedule your lifestyle to accommodate the needs of a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will care for this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your past experience with dogs?

- First time owner
- Have had 1 or 2 dogs
- Had a dog as a child
- Experienced

Do all members of your household agree on adopting? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever surrendered or given away any pet to another shelter, rescue or person? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

What are some reasons for which you would relinquish a dog, e.g. human aggression, animal aggression, incurable elimination problems, excessive chewing, separation anxiety, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PET INFORMATION**

Have you ever had a dog:  Run away  Get hit by a car  Die in your care?

If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Regarding your cat, have you ever:  Given/sold to family member  Given/sold to other person

Given to rescue  Given to a shelter

What pets do you currently have in your household or had in the past 3 years?

Name	Breed	Age	Type	Spayed/ Neutered	Where Kept?
			<input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> In <input type="checkbox"/> Out
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Has your current dog/cat ever met another dog/cat? If so, please describe the circumstance: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your pets' reactions to new dogs/cats? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your pet ever nipped/bit any animal or person? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are your pets up to date on vaccinations? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_

**HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

Spouse/Partner/Roommates name? \_\_\_\_\_  
List the ages of all children in your home \_\_\_\_\_  
Do young children (not your immediate family) ever visit your home? \_\_\_\_\_  
Does anyone in the household have allergies to animals? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, are they taking allergy medication? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you move, have you considered that another landlord may not allow pets? What will you do if this happens? \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW PET INFORMATION**

*Please understand that it may take a new dog 2 or more weeks to adjust to a new home and/or to other pets and visitors*

Are you willing to give a new dog adequate time to adjust? \_\_\_\_\_  
How would you keep a dog confined to your property? (Check all that apply)  
 Free run of house     Crate in house     Fenced yard     Outside on chain  
 In garage     Yard with electric fence     Walk on leash  
 Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
Where will the dog be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ At night? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many hours will the dog spend alone? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where will the dog be kept when alone? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you want a dog for: (Check all that apply)  
 House pet     Guard dog     To breed     Companion     Travel companion     Gift  
 Therapy dog     Dog sports     Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you familiar with the laws in your community, township limits, and dog laws, e.g. dogs must be leashed, vaccinated against rabies, licensed, etc.?  Yes  No  
Are you familiar with heartworm disease?  Yes  No

**I certify that I have read this questionnaire and that all information I have given is true and accurate, and that I understand that any falsification may result in the nullification of an adoption.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

*Please remember: We receive no county, state or federal funding. We operate solely on donations and adoption income.*

**\*\*The Delaware County SPCA reserves the right to deny any adoption\*\***

**Note: You must be present at shelter to be approved for adoption! We do not accept applications by e-mail.**