

# Humane Society of Durham Region Dog Adoption Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog You are Hoping to Adopt: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL INFORMATION (please note we require proof of address to copy and attach)

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ADOPTION QUESTIONS:**

How long have you been thinking about adopting a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in adopting this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I would like my new dog to (please check all that apply)...

- Be friendly with children*
- Be friendly with other dogs*
- Be friendly with cats*
- Be friendly with visitors to the house*
- Enjoy being groomed*
- Enjoy being held*
- Enjoy being patted/rubbed*
- Be calm*
- Be active*
- Be playful*
- Be quiet*
- Be independent*

Are there other key qualities you are looking for in a dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate your level of dog experience (choose response that most closely matches your experience level):

- 1- I have never been responsible for a dog before and have limited knowledge of dogs.
- 2- I have never been responsible for a dog but have participated in caring for a dog and am familiar with basic information about dogs.
- 3- I have owned a dog in the past and been responsible for his/her care, but do not have extensive knowledge.
- 4- I have owned a dog in the past, been responsible for his/her care, and have quite a bit of knowledge regarding dogs.
- 5- I have participated in formal dog behaviour training, agility or other specialized activities with my dog and am very comfortable with all aspects of dog care.

Which of the following issues would you be **UNWILLING** to try and correct in a dog (please check all that apply):

- \_\_\_\_\_ *Separation Anxiety*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Excitability*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Aggression*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Lack of obedience*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *House training*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Fearfulness*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Excessive Barking/Vocalization*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *I am not willing to work on any behaviour issues*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *I need more information on what might be required*

Are you willing to seek guidance/attend and pay for classes with your adopted dog should you experience behavioural challenges with the dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Under what conditions might you consider giving up your dog (please check all that apply):

- \_\_\_\_\_ *Moving*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Too costly*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *New baby*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Changes in the family (marriage, death, separation etc.)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Aggression*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Illness (your own or that of a human family member)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Illness (the dog)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Not enough time*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Behavioural Issues*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Allergies*

How often do you believe a dog should see a veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How much money do you feel is reasonable to spend on a dog for one year of care (including food, toys, veterinary visits etc.)?

- Less than \$250*
- Up to \$500*
- \$500- \$1000*
- \$1000- \$2000*
- More than \$2000 if required*

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a humane society, animal shelter, or rescue group?

Yes                  No

If yes, please explain the circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Where will your dog spend most of his/her time? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Where will your dog sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## **YOUR HOME AND FAMILY:**

Do you live in a (please check most appropriate response):

- Detached House*
- Semi detached/Townhouse*
- Apartment*
- Condo*
- Farm/Rural*

Do you consent to having a representative from the Humane Society of Durham Region visit your home to complete a suitability assessment if it is deemed necessary?

Yes                  No

Do you own or rent your accommodation? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are renting, please provide your landlord's name and contact information so we can confirm that he/she is aware that you intend to bring a dog home: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your employment status?                  *Full time*                  *Part time*                  *Retired*

*Other (please explain):* \_\_\_\_\_

Have you researched and considered the cost and responsibility of owning a dog?

Yes              No

How many adults live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

How many children live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

If children live in the home, please provide their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there children who visit your home? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please provide their ages and indicate how often they visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Are all members of your household in agreement regarding the adoption of a dog?

Yes              No

Have all members of your household met and interacted with the dog you wish to adopt?

Yes              No

As far as you know, are any members of your family allergic to pets?    Yes                      No

Please indicate which descriptions best describe your family and household:

- \_\_\_\_\_ *Very Active*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Somewhat Active*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Limited Activity*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Not Active*

- \_\_\_\_\_ *Constantly noisy/social*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Noisy/social at times*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Rarely noisy/social*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Very quiet/peaceful*

Do you currently own other pets?              Yes                      No

If yes, please indicate what type of animals and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that if you already have a dog, we require a dog-to-dog introduction as part of the adoption process.*

Are all your current pets vaccinated? (please note we require proof of vaccination status)

Yes                              No

If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have all your current pets been spayed/neutered? (please note we require proof of spay/neuter)

Yes  No

If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many hours (on average) will your dog be home alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of the activities you intend to provide in order to offer your dog opportunities for play and exercise? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What arrangements will you make to provide care for your dog if you are away from home for a prolonged period of time (business trip, vacation etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a yard? Yes  No

Does your yard have a fence? Yes  No

If yes, please indicate height of fence and type of fencing material: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a pool? Yes  No

If yes, is there a fence surrounding the pool? Yes  No

What family activities are you hoping your dog can participate in (sports, cycling, camping, hiking, cottage, agility etc)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who will be the primary caregiver for your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about any previous pets you have owned and what happened to them: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you or any member of your household, ever been investigated and/or convicted for cruelty to animals?

Yes  No

Please provide any additional information that you feel is important for us to know: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES:**

Please provide full names and phone numbers.

Veterinary Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My signature here indicates my consent for my veterinarian to release information regarding my file and pets: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Veterinary Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Non-Veterinary Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:**

I understand that it is my responsibility to see and evaluate the dog for myself before agreeing to an adoption. I understand that this dog will reside in my home as a companion and that I will be responsible for providing him/her with adequate food, water, shelter, training, medical care, and affection. All of the information I have provided above is true and complete. I am in full agreement with the Humane Society of Durham Region's terms of adoption and understand that the Humane Society of Durham Region has the right to refuse an adoption application. I also release the Humane Society of Durham Region from liability and responsibility for any damage, accident or injury resulting from the placement of a dog in my household.

I understand that any falsification of information on this application is automatic cause for the application to be declined.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Staff Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary Reference Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Reference Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name Cleared in Pet Point system:            Yes            No

Photo ID Copied and Attached:            Yes            No

Interview Completed with Applicant:            Yes            No

Home Visit Required:            Yes            No

*If yes, please make sure completed home visit form is attached.*

Dog-to-dog Introduction required: Yes            No

*If yes, please make sure completed dog-to-dog introduction form is attached.*

Adoption Application Approved or Declined: \_\_\_\_\_

If declined, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does this animal have pending veterinary issues prior to being adopted? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED APPLICATION**

Signature of Primary Staff Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Approval Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date that Dog is scheduled to be picked up by Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_