

SmallDog Rescue & Humane Society

Adoption Application

The first part of our adoption process is a completed application. If approved to adopt a dog from SmallDog Rescue & Humane Society (hereinafter referred to as "SDR&HS"), a \$250 adoption fee is required. Some situations (including, but not limited to, military deployment, employment that may involve an overseas transfer, major medical health considerations and senior citizenship) may require a Co-Applicant. **Please note that SDR&HS does NOT adopt outside of Metro Atlanta.** It may take up to 3 days to get a response from SDR&HS regarding this application. Most initial responses are via e-mail, please be sure your e-mail address is accurate below. Please check your e-mail for a reply from SDR&HS.

SDR&HS reserves the right to refuse any applicant. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older.

SECTION I – PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____

Co-Applicant (Spouse or Significant Other):

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____

Street address: _____

Subdivision: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail (required field): _____

What is the name of the dog/breed you are interested in? _____

List any general questions you would like to ask about this particular dog: _____

Are you willing to allow a representative from SDR&HS visit your home by appointment? Yes No

Please check any of the following **reasons for adopting** this dog: family pet child's pet watchdog
 companion hunting dog guard dog for business companion for other pet gift other – please
specify: _____

Please indicate **where you live**: apartment house condo/townhouse trailer/mobile home

Do you... rent? own?

- If you rent, do you have the landlord's permission to own a dog? Yes No

- What is the apartment complex name? _____

- What is the landlord's phone number? _____

- How much is the pet deposit? \$ _____

How many times have you moved in the past 5 years? _____ times

If you move, will your pet go with you? Yes No

Would you ever consider moving somewhere that doesn't allow your pets? Yes No

Do you have a fully **fenced yard** with no fence gaps? Yes No. If yes, how high and what kind (i.e., privacy, chain link, split rail, invisible, etc.)? _____
_____. If no, would you consider fencing all or part of it as a condition of adopting a dog? Yes No

Do you have an **outdoor deck, patio or balcony**? Yes No. Do you have a **staircase with railings or an upper story landing with railings**? Yes No. If yes, please describe (i.e., how many feet or stories from the ground? What type of guardrail is in place?) _____

Do you have a **doggie door**? Yes No. If no, and it would work better, would you consider installing a doggie door? Yes No

Do you have a **pool, lake, pond or any other body of water** on your property? Yes No

Describe: _____

Number of adults in household? ___ Relationship(s): spouse roommate(s) life partner other – please specify _____

Does anyone in the household **smoke**? Yes No. If yes, please elaborate: _____

Do any family members have **allergies**? Yes No. If yes, please elaborate _____

Have you or any family members **ever been bitten by a dog**? Yes No. If yes, please elaborate _____

Will this dog be a **surprise** for any family members? Yes No. If yes, for whom? _____

Do any **children** live in the house **or visit frequently**? Yes No. If yes, what are their gender/ages? _____

Do you foresee any **major changes** in your life in the next 15 years (average lifespan of a dog) such as marriage, childbirth, health problems due to age, going away to college? Yes No. If yes, please explain: _____

Do you or anyone in your household currently have any **serious health problems**? Yes No. If yes, please describe: _____

Can you provide a **permanent home** for this dog for 10-15 years? Yes No

SECTION II – CURRENT AND PRIOR PET HISTORY

Number, type, name and age of pets currently in household? _____

How many pets have you **owned in the past as an adult**? _____

If any, please describe **what happened to each of them** (put to sleep, run over, died of old age, sold, given away, ran away, etc.) and provide the name, breed, and how long ago you owned each pet. _____

Do any of your current or did any of your past pets you owned **as an adult live primarily outdoors**? Yes No. If yes, describe pet: _____

Were all previous pets **spayed/neutered**? Yes No

Are all current pets **spayed/neutered**? Yes No

Do you know what heartworm disease is and how to prevent it? Yes No

Is your current dog or was your previous dog on **heartworm prevention** medication? Yes No. If yes, how often do/did you give the heartworm medication? _____ What brand do/did you use? _____

How do you plan to prevent **fleas and ticks**? _____

What is your current or most **recent veterinarian's name** _____

And phone number? _____

What do you expect **annual pet care** (vet care, medication, heartworm preventative, etc.) to cost yearly? \$ _____

Who will be responsible for the daily care and **training of your new dog**? _____

How many hours will the dog be **home alone** on a typical day? _____

Where does your current/previous **pet stay when home alone** during the day? outside in fenced yard outside in dog pen outside on chain or tie-out inside in basement in the garage inside free run of house inside in one room of house inside in crate other - please describe _____

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Where do/did current or previous pets **sleep at night**? dog house in fenced area dog house in dog pen dog house near tie-out inside in basement in the garage inside free run of house inside in one room of house inside in crate in my bed other, please describe _____

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What percentage of time will the dog spend **inside the house**? _____%

Will your new pet be **allowed on the furniture**? Yes No Certain Pieces

Have you ever had a serious **behavior problem** with a previous dog? Yes No. If yes, please describe behavior and measures you took to correct it: _____

Are you willing to go to **obedience training** with your dog if necessary? Yes No

Have you always kept an **ID tag** (other than a rabies tag) bearing your phone number on your pets? Yes No

Are you willing to keep a **collar and ID tag** on all of your pets including a new dog at all times? Yes No

Have you ever **given a dog up** or had a dog for a brief period of time and it didn't work? Yes No. If yes, please explain the circumstances and what happened to it: _____

SECTION III - MISCELLANEOUS

Under what circumstances do you think it is **OK to leave a dog outside alone and unsupervised in an unfenced area**? in a quiet subdivision on a lot of acreage in a rural area when I know they are trained to come back none

Under what circumstances do you think it is **OK to leave a dog off-leash with supervision in an unfenced area**? in a quiet subdivision on a lot of acreage in a rural area when I know they are trained to come back none

What circumstances, in your mind, justify **giving up a dog**? moving new baby not getting along with other pets divorce getting out of fence behavioral problems children lost interest if it gets too big too time consuming shedding allergies housebreaking problems dog has medical problems owner has medical problems aggressive behavior other – please explain _____

Have you **previously applied** for a dog with either this rescue group or another rescue group? Yes No. If yes, how long ago? ____ Did you adopt? Please explain: _____

If you are unable to keep your dog for any reason at any time will you **return the dog to us**? Yes No. If no, please explain: _____

If you date or marry someone who does not like or want your pets, what would you do? _____

Suppose your pet **develops a medical problem** that becomes expensive (i.e., \$500 surgery for kidney stones or \$20 monthly for eye ointment) but has good quality of life. Do you: find another home who could afford it? Pay whatever it takes? Have it put to sleep? Give the pet to a rescue group or the Humane Society? Depends on how much I like the dog Other – please explain _____

At SDR, our dogs are examined by vets and we convey to adopters everything that is known about the dog's health and physical condition up until, and including, the time of an adoption. Still, as living creatures, a dog that appears healthy in every way on one day, may begin to show signs of an illness or condition that later proves to be terminal or life threatening, the next day. **If that should happen to you, with a dog you adopt from SDR, at what point would you return the dog to us?** Within the first week after the adoption? The first month? The first year? At no point? Please elaborate: _____

If your pet develops a **frequent urination problem** at the age of 12 and can't hold it when left alone, what would you do? Have him put to sleep since he is older Babygate him where flooring is not carpeted Give him to a rescue group or shelter Put in a doggy door Bellyband or Diaper Other – please explain _____

If you are considering a long-haired breed, **how often would the dog be groomed?** _____ Would he get haircuts? Yes No. Would you do it yourself? Yes No. Have a groomer do it? Yes No. How much would you expect it to cost on a per time basis? \$ _____

What **type of food** do you plan to feed? something from the grocery store premium food from a pet supply store. Brand name? _____

Has a **dog or puppy died on your premises in the last 6 months** of distemper, parvo or other causes? Yes No

How did you hear about SmallDog Rescue and Humane Society? Website Newspaper Word of mouth Radio At an adoption day Other – please specify _____

Please list the names, addresses and phone numbers of 2 personal, non-related and non-significant other references: _____

By signing below, I am attesting to the truthfulness of my answers. Falsification of any of the above information will be grounds for disallowing the adoption of the rescue dog and possible removal of said dog from my home.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Screener _____ Foster _____ Board _____