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## Adoption Application

**Thank you for considering a rescued dog. Please help us make the best match for you by completing this application.**

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: At this time we only adopt puppies locally to Western Washington\*\*\*\***

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

I am interested in adopting: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this dog?	
Why do you want to adopt a rescue dog?	
What appeals to you about this particular dog?	
What are the most important characteristics you are looking for, in choosing your ideal dog?	
Have you considered all the costs involved in owning a dog? (Vet care, including regular check-ups, dentals, shots and emergency care; quality food; fencing, liability insurance, rental deposits, training, etc.)	
Are you financially capable of providing for this dog's nutritional, healthcare and other needs?	

## Personal information

Name				Age		Email		
Physical address							State	Zip Code
	Number & Street			City				
Phone numbers								
	Home			Cell		Work		
What is a good time for us to contact you? (Indicate preferred phone number)								
Are you employed?		Employer				Position		
If you are not the primary income earner in your household, who is?					Relationship			
Primary income earner's employer					Position			

**Other people, including children, in your household (provide contact numbers of all independent adults who share your home):**

Name	Age	Relationship	Contact number
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Do you plan to have children in the next few years? If so, will this affect your desire or ability to have a dog?	
Are all the people living in your household in favor of adopting a rescue dog?	
Is anyone in your household allergic to animals; or have any chronic conditions or disabilities that could affect their ability to live with a dog? If yes, explain how you plan to deal with this.	
Is anyone in your household afraid of or unaccustomed to dogs? If yes, explain how you plan to deal with this.	
What role will other household members have in training, disciplining, playing with, or caring for the dog?	
How many consecutive hours a day are you usually away from home for work, school, or other regular activities?	
Where will the dog be if you are gone for more than four consecutive hours?	
How much time each day do you expect to in the company of your dog? On a typical working day? On a typical non-working day?	

## Living environment

Are you willing to allow us to visit your home to verify that you can offer a safe, happy living environment for this dog?	
Who will be the dog's primary caregiver?	
Do you plan to use a doggy daycare, dog-walking or pet-sitting service?	

### What is your dwelling? (Please make a mark on the line)

Condo	House	Duplex	Apartment	Trailer	Other (explain):
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Do you rent or own your home?	
If you rent, do you have the landlord's permission to keep a dog? (Please provide landlord's name and phone number)	
How long have you lived at your current address?	
Do you plan to move in the foreseeable future?	
About how large is your yard (area that the dog will have access to)?	
Is it fully fenced? If yes, please describe the fence (type, height, etc). If no, are you willing to fence it prior to adopting a dog?	
If you cannot provide a fenced yard, how do you plan to ensure that the dog receives safe and adequate exercise?	
Do you have a pool? If yes, what is in place to protect the dog from drowning?	
Where will the dog sleep?	

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Where will the dog spend most of the day?	
If the dog will be outside while you are gone, will it have a doghouse or other shelter?	
Do you plan to use a crate?	
Do you plan to use a run or outdoor kennel?	
Do you plan to tie the dog up outside?	
Will the dog have yard access through a dog door?	

## Preferences and needs affecting choice of dog

We would like to know what you are looking for in a dog. Please complete this section as though the dog you have requested is not available. (Mark all that apply.)

Would you be willing to consider a different dog if this one is not available?	
What breed/s do you prefer, and why do you want a dog of this breed?	

Please indicate the physical characteristics of your ideal dog:						
Age	Puppy (<8 mo) ___	Adolescent (8-18 mos.) ___	Young adult (1.5-4 year) ___	Adult (4-8 years) ___	Senior (9+ years) ___	No preference ___
Sex	Male ___		Female ___		No preference ___	
Size	Toy (<9 lb) ___	Small (9-20 lb) ___	Medium (21-45 lb) ___	Large (46-80 lb) ___	Moose (>80 lb) ___	
Coat	Long ___	Medium ___	Short ___	Hypo-allergenic ___	No preference ___	
Are any of these physical characteristics especially important to you?				Why?		

Please describe what you hope to receive from your ideal dog.				
Role of dog in your life	Companionship ___	Company for other dog ___	Protection ___	Playmate for children ___
	Hunting ___	Therapy dog (explain): ___		Other (explain): ___

What activities do you plan to share with your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's energy level	Couch potato ___	Casual walks and play ___	Regular long walks and hikes ___
	Jogging / running ___	High-level dog sports ___ Other (explain): ___	
Level of social activity	Behave well around visitors ___	Visit friends' homes ___	Little social interaction likely ___
	Visit public areas where there are dogs ___		Other (explain): ___

Would you consider a special needs rescue dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which of the challenges below would you be willing to accept?

Behavioral ___	On medication ___	Lame/amputee ___	Blind/deaf ___	Special diet ___
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Other (explain):	
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## Pet ownership history

We want to ensure that a dog we place with you will be able to cohabit peacefully with other animals in your home. We would also like to know what kind of home you offer your current and previous pets.

List pets that you <b>currently have in your home.</b>							
Name	Owner	Species/ breed	Age	Alpha/beta	Sex	Sterilized?	Used to dogs?

List pets that you have owned <b>in the past.</b> (Include recent family pets if you are a young adult living in your first home, or if this is the first pet you are adopting.)		
Name	Species/breed	What happened to the pet?

Do you keep any large or small livestock, or horses? If yes, please describe.	
Will your dog interact with or have access to these animals? If yes, please describe.	
If you have unaltered dogs or cats, please explain why they have not been spayed or neutered.	
What do you feed your dogs? (Type and brands of regular meals, and typical treats)	
Where do your current dogs sleep?	
Where are your current dogs during the day?	

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### Dog-related knowledge and opinions

What behavior do you expect from this dog when it first comes to live in your home?	
Do you plan to train your dog? If yes, describe your plan (e.g., training school or other? Level of training you hope to achieve?) How much time do you expect to spend actively training your dog?	
What are your opinions about disciplining a dog?	
Dogs under stress (e.g., on being introduced to a new environment) may mark territory by urinating indoors. How do you plan to deal with this?	
Some rescue dogs, especially puppies or adults that have spent a long time kenneled, may not be fully house-trained. How do you plan to deal with this?	
A rescue dog's behavior during when it first comes to your home may be negatively affected by its past experiences. (E.g., it may be fearful, lack trust, be disobedient, growl or snap, display anxiety, be needy, or be afraid of being alone.) How do you plan to deal with this?	
Most of the dogs we place are in good health, but some have special healthcare needs. We give adopters full details about such needs and access to vet records, before the adoption. If your rescue dog needs immediate dental or medical care, are you willing to provide this?	
Are you willing to keep your dog up to date on vaccinations for, at minimum, Rabies, Distemper, Parvovirus, and Bordetella, and protect against heartworm and other parasites as needed?	
Are you willing to provide regular vet check-ups for the rest of the dog's life, plus medical care as needed?	
Are you willing to provide regular dental care?	
Some dogs live up to 18 years. Are you willing to care for it that long?	

If the dog develops an expensive or time-consuming health problem, what will you do?					
Find it another home	Pay whatever it takes	Euthanize	Take it to the pound	Decide based on prognosis and affordability	Other (explain):
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sometimes unforeseen circumstances arise. If you can no longer keep your dog, what will you do?					
Find it another home	Surrender to a private rescue	Euthanize	Take it to the pound	Other (explain):	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Under what circumstances would you give up a dog that has lived with you more than two months?					
Divorce / relationship breakdown	Digging / destruction of property	Personal or family health problems	Children lose interest	Moving to different house / city / state	Shedding / needs too much grooming
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Partner dislikes dog	Neighbor complaints	Barking	Escaping from property / run	New baby	Difficult to train
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Housebreaking problems	No time to care for dog	Allergies	None	Other (explain):
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## Questions for cat owners

Have your cats been declawed? If yes, why were they declawed?	
Are your cats accustomed to living with dogs?	
How do you plan to introduce your cats to the dog?	
Cats can take a long time to accept a new canine family member, and sometimes they will react to a new dog by hiding, urinating in the house, acting scared, refusing to come in out of the rain, or a variety of other disturbing behaviors. How long are you willing to let your cats be angry and upset before you give up and return the dog?	
Dogs that have been evaluated as safe with cats could chase cats that run from them. What will you do if the dog chases your cats, gets into their space, or annoys them in some other way?	

## References

Please provide details about the vet you plan to use. If you have recently changed vets, please also provide information about the vet you used previously. Please give your vet permission to speak with us regarding your account

Vet and practice name	Address (Number & Street, City, State)	Phone number	How long have they been your vet?

Does your regular vet vaccinate your pets? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, where do you have them vaccinated? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide at least three references who can attest to your suitability as a pet owner. **We recommend that you provide more than three references as delays in contacting references are the greatest reason for delay in processing most adoption applications.** References must be adults, and not more than one reference may be a close family member or a person living in your household.

Name	City and state where they live	Phone number	Relationship
Optional reference			
Optional reference			
Optional reference			