



## FLOYD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY CANINE ADOPTION APPLICATION

Pet ownership is a serious commitment that the entire household needs to consider and agree to before the animal is adopted. We want to ensure that each adoptive household is aware of, and willing and able to accept, the physical and financial responsibilities of pet ownership. Not everyone who desires to own a pet is ready to properly care for one. This questionnaire will assist both you and us in determining if your household is prepared to assume the role of responsible caretaker for a rescued animal. Thank-you for taking the time to fill out this application.

Adopter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other adults at residence: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children living in house: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household have allergies to animals? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, to what kinds of animals? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your entire household know that you are considering adopting a pet? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Household setting: (check one) Rural Suburban Urban

Do you live in a: (check one) house apartment mobile home townhouse

Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own your home? Yes No If you rent, you **MUST** provide proof of permission to have a dog on the premises.

Landlord's name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Where would the dog be primarily housed: (check one) inside outside both

Where would the dog stay when you are not home? (check any that apply) loose inside

crated or confined inside loose outside kennel/run/fenced area outside

tied/chained outside other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your yard (example: fenced, kennel run, other) \_\_\_\_\_

If fenced, what is the approximate height and area? \_\_\_\_\_

Are fence gates always securely latched and/or locked? \_\_\_\_\_

If the dog is outside other than for supervised activities, describe what shelter would be available (ex: doghouse, shed, covered area (porch, etc), shade trees, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many hours each day would the dog be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you considering adopting a pet? (check any that apply)    companionship    protection  
    hunting    breeding    other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a particular dog of ours that you are interested in? If so, provide name and description: \_\_\_\_\_

If not, please note your preferences so that we can notify you when such an animal becomes available: breed (pure, mixed, or no preference) \_\_\_\_\_ gender \_\_\_\_\_  
age range \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Animals can be expensive to care for. Are you able to provide adequate food, shelter and medical care for the adopted dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What problems would make you return a dog? (check any that apply)    barking    chewing  
    housetraining    jumping up    shyness/other fears    shedding    digging  
    scratching/climbing on furniture    other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be committed to work with the dog to correct any of these and most other problems?  
\_\_\_\_\_ If so, what method of training/correction do you anticipate using? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or anyone in your household ever taken a pet to Animal Control or to a shelter?    Yes

No If Yes, describe the circumstance \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

To help resolve problems, are you willing to: (check any that apply) take an obedience class  
use a crate seek a trainer or advice have all family members involved?

Would you return the dog due to any of the following circumstances: (check any that apply)  
Move new baby divorce high cost of animal's care personal illness  
other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
none that I know of .

Describe your home's activity level: (check any that apply) busy, active, noisy frequent  
guests moderate coming/going quiet other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a swimming pool? Yes No If yes, is it above ground or in-ground? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Is it separately fenced? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel that a pet should be spayed/neutered? Yes No If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list all animals that you presently own, listing type of animal (dog, cat), breed, how long you  
have owned the animal, animal's name, age, sex, whether the animal is spayed/neutered, and  
whether the animal is up-to-date on vaccines:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who is responsible for the daily care of the above? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is responsible for care when you are on vacation? \_\_\_\_\_

Name and telephone number of current veterinarian, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

If less than two years, name and telephone number of previous veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list three personal references, other than relatives, (name, phone number and email address)

if you've had pets, include those who know the pets you have or have had, and the care that you provide to them:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list animals you previously owned and describe what happened to them.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been charged or convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment?    Yes    No

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a felony?    Yes    No    If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals who adopt a Floyd County Humane Society (FCHS) dog are contacted periodically for an update to help ensure that the dog successfully adjusts to its new life. If you adopt a FCHS animal, do you consent to home visits before and/or after adoption?    Yes    No

What is the best time to call you at home to check on how the adopted dog is adjusting?

If at any time an adopter cannot keep the dog, it must be returned to the Floyd County Humane Society. If the dog is not spayed or neutered at adoption, the adopter is required to alter the dog and provide a veterinary certification of altering to the Floyd County Humane Society by the date specified in the adoption contract. Dogs unaltered by the contractual date may be seized.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have completely read this questionnaire and comprehend it fully. I know that applying does not ensure approval and that untruthful answers or failure to comply with the requirements of this application or the adoption contract can result in the forfeiture of any Floyd County Humane Society animal adopted by me.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: **Floyd County Humane Society, P.O. Box 862, Floyd, VA 24091** or send as an attached document to: e-mail: [floydhumane@gmail.com](mailto:floydhumane@gmail.com)

**Adoption Fee: \$150**