



Adoption Application

*PUGGLES & PITTIES carefully screens each potential home to find the right family for each of their dogs. Each dog has a different personality, traits and needs; our goal is to make sure that the home they go to can meet their needs, will be a good personality match and has a high potential as a permanent home for the dog. Adopters are not selected on a "first come, first served" basis. There is a donation required to adopt. This helps cover the spay/neuter of your new pet, current shots, microchipping and basic training of the animal. A home check will be required to complete the adoption process. A signed binding contract is required. You must be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide training, medical treatment, and proper care to your new companion throughout its natural life. **Completion of this application does not guarantee adoption of a dog through PUGGLES & PITTIES.***

BASIC INFORMATION

Name of Applicant _____

Birth date _____ Driver's license number: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ daytime phone _____

evening phone _____ cell phone _____

Preferred form of contact? _____

Occupation? _____ Hours spent at work each week? _____

Employer? _____ Phone _____

How long at current job? _____ Dog friendly employer? Y / N

Please provide 2 references that are not members of your immediate family:

Personal reference #1: _____ phone: _____

Relationship: _____ Years known: _____

Personal reference #2: _____ phone: _____

Relationship: _____ Years known: _____

ABOUT YOUR HOME...

I live in a(n):

☐ House

☐ Trailer

☐ Apartment / Condo

☐ Other: _____

It is:

☐ Owned, by myself or my spouse/life partner

☐ Owned, by someone else within the house

☐ Rented, as part of a rental community

☐ Rented, directly from the owner or through a third-party management company

☐ Other: _____

If home is a rental, do you have your landlord's approval?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Landlord's name and phone number: _____

Who shares your household (circle all that apply):

☐ Spouse

☐ Roommate(s) # _____

☐ Life Partner

☐ Other: _____

If your present relationship were to change, understand that YOU, as the applicant, are responsible for the care of the dog. If you are unable to keep the dog, and your current partner would like to transfer ownership, a new application must be submitted and approved.

Initial: _____

Are there children in the home? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, how many? _____ How old? _____

At what age do you feel children are responsible enough to take care of a pet without assistance? (i.e. walk, feed, train) _____

Does anyone in your household have an allergy to animals that you are aware of?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Is someone home during the day?

☐ YES

☐ NO

How many hours will your dog be left alone each day? _____

Is your yard completely fenced?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Fencing type & height (at the lowest point): _____

Square footage of yard available for the dog (approximate): _____

Is your yard shared with neighbors?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Which of the following is used to secure your gate?

☐ latch

☐ deadbolt

☐ keyed lock

☐ padlock

☐ We do not lock our gate for the following reason: _____

Do you have a gardener, housekeeper or pool cleaner?

☐ YES

☐ NO

If yes, where is the dog kept while they are working? _____

Do you trust your workers not to let the dog get out?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Please explain: _____

Where will your dog spend most of the day?

☐ indoors

☐ garage

☐ yard with dog house

☐ patio

☐ indoor/outdoor with doggie door

☐ Other: _____

Where will your dog sleep at night?

☐ indoors

☐ garage

☐ yard with dog house

☐ patio

☐ indoor/outdoor with doggie door

☐ Other: _____

Do you plan to move or travel within the next year?

☐ YES

☐ NO

If yes, please explain: _____

YOUR LIFE WITH DOGS...

Ownership History (check only one):

☐ I have had dogs all my life (experienced owner)

☐ I have worked with animals, know quite a bit about their behaviors and am looking for the perfect companion (ready to own)

☐ I have always loved dogs, but have never owned one (novice)

How many dogs have you owned in the last 5 years? _____

What happened to the other dog(s)? _____

Do you currently have other pets? If so, please complete the following:

Type

Breed

Gender

Age

Altered?

If not, why?

How do you feel your current pets will adjust to a new dog in the house?

ABOUT THIS DOG ...

I am adopting a dog for the purpose of (check all that apply):

☐ Family pet

☐ Child's companion

☐ Gift for someone else

☐ Companion for another pet

☐ Protection/Guard Dog

☐ Assistive/Companion Dog

☐ Other: _____

Have you or would you be willing to enroll your current dog(s) in obedience classes?

☐ YES

☐ NO

What sort of behavioral modifications do you know will be needed by this dog after it's adoption into your home? _____

What method do you intend to use to housetrain your dog?

☐ Rub nose in offending spot

☐ Take out every couple of hours

☐ Other, explain: _____

☐ Crate training

☐ Consult professional

What form of discipline will you use if your dog chews on household items?

☐ Swat nose

☐ Spank

☐ Other: _____

☐ Use a stern voice

☐ No big deal to me

How will your dog get exercise? _____

In which of the following situations would you allow your dog off leash?

☐ Public park

☐ Hike

☐ Beach

☐ Neighborhood walk

☐ Front yard

☐ Back yard

☐ Dog park

☐ Other: _____

When you go away, who will care for your dog?

☐ House sitter

☐ Veterinarian's office

☐ Neighbor comes by to feed and water, but doesn't stay over

☐ Other: _____

☐ Boarding kennel

☐ Family or friend's house

If your dog gets out, which of the following would you do?

☐ Notify microchip company

☐ Check local shelters

☐ Internet postings (Craig's List, Petfinder, Dog Detective, findtoto.com, etc)

☐ Flyers door to door

☐ Other: _____

☐ Put up signs

☐ Ads in local newspapers

☐ Wait for dog to return home

VETERINARY CARE ...

Are you prepared to cover any veterinary expenses through your dog's lifetime?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Is there an amount of money that would be too much to save your dog's life?

☐ YES

☐ NO

How much is too much? _____

What do you think is the best way to keep your dog's teeth clean?

☐ Brush the teeth myself

☐ Have never thought about it nor had to clean my previous dogs' teeth

☐ Would have a professional clean them as needed

☐ Would need to consult my veterinarian or groomer

☐ Other: _____

Which of the following would you choose for flea control?

☐ Flea Spray

☐ Flea baths

☐ Flea collars

☐ Prescription (Program, Advantage or Frontline)

☐ Herbal flea control

☐ Flea comb

☐ Other: _____

What is your general veterinary philosophy (check only one):

- ☐ Within budget constraints
- ☐ Will purchase Pet Insurance
- ☐ If a great expense, I would need assistance or would return the dog.
- ☐ Spare no expense

I agree to take the pet I have adopted to my veterinarian of choice WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF ADOPTION.

Initial: _____

Provide Veterinary Reference here:

I have a history with: _____ Phone: _____

- OR -

I intend to use: _____ Phone: _____

Are you aware of the life expectancy of the breed of dog you are applying to adopt?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

Are you aware of the health problems common to this breed of dog?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

Are you aware of the grooming needs of this breed of dog?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

WORST CASE SCENARIO ...

Which of the following circumstances would force you to give up your dog (check all that apply)?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce or separation | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic illness developed by dog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Out of state move | <input type="checkbox"/> Large veterinary expenses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Move where pets are not allowed or weight restrictions | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog is not trainable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog barks incessantly / neighbors complaining about dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog is not what I thought it would be |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog nips at strangers | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog grew larger than anticipated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog nips or bites children | <input type="checkbox"/> Plans to have a baby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marrying/dating someone with pet allergies | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog and current pets are incompatible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of bladder control | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above applies |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

For what reasons would you consider euthanizing a dog? (check all that apply)

☐ Medical costs

☐ Age beyond life expectancy

☐ Poor health, suffering

☐ Behavioral concerns

☐ Other: _____

What is a behavior that would not be acceptable to your family?

BULLY BREEDS

*For the purposes of this application, a bully breed is defined as an American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, American Bulldog, or any mix of the above. This is a much narrower interpretation of the term than that used by insurance companies and others, and is no way intended to replace or supersede their definitions. **Only complete this section if you are applying for a dog that fits in the above described category.***

Have you owned a bully before?

☐ YES

☐ NO

If yes, how did you acquire him/her/them? (check all that apply)

☐ Breeder, with papers

☐ Rescue

☐ Breeder, without papers

☐ Gift

☐ Pet Store

☐ Friend's dog had litter

☐ Shelter

☐ Other: _____

What do you appreciate about this breed? Please be as specific as possible. _____

Are you aware of the aggression issues that may be present in this type of dog?

☐ YES

☐ NO

How are you prepared to address this should it arise? Please be specific. _____

FINALLY...

Additional comments about why you would like to adopt this particular dog:

Have you applied to adopt a dog from another rescue group or shelter?

☐ YES

☐ NO

If so, which one and what happened with your application? _____

I understand and agree that I must return my dog to PUGGLES & PITTIES if I am no longer able to care for it. I understand that I may not take it to an Animal Shelter, Humane Society or give away on my own unless prearranged through the adoption contract by addendum. Dog may not be surrendered to another rescue.

Do you agree to return your dog to PUGGLES & PITTIES if you can no longer care for it?

☐ YES

☐ NO

I UNDERSTAND THAT FILLING OUT THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ADOPTION OF A DOG THROUGH PUGGLES & PITTIES. I AGREE THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS HONEST AND TRUE BY SIGNING BELOW.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date of Application: _____