

**TARA'S HOUSE ANIMAL RESCUE, INC.
ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Date: ____/____/____

Dog/s in which you are interested: _____

NOTE: Our goal is to find the best possible home for each dog that we rescue. To do that, we try to match each dog's characteristics with the characteristics you are looking for in a pet, and the kind of environment that you can provide. Each dog has unique characteristics and particular needs. In our experience, the effort that we undertake to try to match dogs to families pays off in terms of adoptions that are successful for you and for our dogs. All of the following questions help us to accomplish that goal.

Please note that we only adopt our pets to applicants in the DC/Baltimore/Harrisburg/Philadelphia metro area.

Applicant Information

Potential Adopter's Name: _____

Adopter's age: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____._____._____

Work Phone: _____._____._____

Cell Phone: _____._____._____

Email Address: _____

Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

Position: _____

Adults in household: _____

Children in household: _____

Name/breed/sex/age of all pets in household: _____

Are all pets in your home spayed or neutered?: _____

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Do you use heartworm and/or flea and tick preventative?: Yes | No (circle one) What brand?: _____

Do you live in a(n): ___House ___Townhouse ___Apartment ___Condo ___Other

If other, explain: _____

Do you own or rent your home?: _____

How long have you lived there?: _____

If you rent, do you have permission to have a dog?: _____

Landlord's name: _____

Landlord's phone: _____

Do you have a yard?: _____

Does it have a fence?: _____

If yes, please describe the yard and the fence, including estimated size of both: _____

If no fence, how will you handle exercise and toilet duties?: _____

Would the dog ever be left outside in the yard without a family member present?: _____

DESCRIBE THE PET YOU WANT AND HIS/HER ROLE IN YOUR FAMILY

What are you looking for in a dog (age, sex, size, coat, personality, and other characteristics)?

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Have you performed research about different breeds of dogs and learned about their specific characteristics and temperament? _____

If so, please briefly describe the research you have performed: _____

Have you had a dog before? _____

If yes, please list when, what type of dog and what happened to the dog? _____

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The questions below address the amount of time you have to spend with a dog; and what you would be doing with the dog during that time.

How many hours will the dog be alone during a typical day? _____

If the dog would be alone for 8 hours or more each day, do you plan to hire a mid-day dog walker?

Where will the dog be when you are not home during the day?

____ Loose in the house

____ Confined in the kitchen, family room or other room (Describe size of room and how dog will be confined (e.g., gate, door)

____ Crated

____ Outside

____ Other (please describe): _____

Why do you want a dog? _____

What kinds of things would you be most likely to do with the dog when the family is home (e.g., playing indoors, playing in a yard, short walks, long walks, hiking, jogging, watching TV, etc.)? This information helps us identify a dog with an energy level that fits your family. _____

Where will the dog sleep? _____

How do you feel about crating a dog?

____ Opposed

____ Open to it but have never used a crate and am not sure the dog would like it; need to know more.

____ Plan to crate when family is not home.

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If you plan to crate-train the dog, please explain briefly how you will accomplish this and describe where the crate will be located: _____

Dogs range from fully housebroken (although accidents can be expected the first 2 weeks of the adjustment period in a new home) to partially housebroken to not housebroken at all and sometimes it is not obvious which category applies until the dog has been in your home a couple of weeks. Even if a dog is housebroken in his/her foster home, he or she may not be housebroken in a new home. Are you willing to take the time to work on housebreaking? (X the appropriate box.)

No

If absolutely necessary, but would rather not.

Yes, I have had experience housebreaking a dog and know what is required and how long it could take.

Yes, but I don't know how.

If you plan to housebreak the dog, and have experience doing so, please explain how you will house-train the dog: _____

If you plan to work on housebreaking the dog, but do not have experience, please explain how you intend to learn how to housebreak the dog: _____

Who will feed, exercise, and train the dog? _____

Does this person (these individuals) listed above have experience feeding, exercising and training a dog?

If yes, please describe this experience: _____

Does anyone in your home have allergies to dogs? YES | NO (circle one)

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Do you plan to take the dog to obedience classes? YES | NO (circle one)

If yes, have you researched dog obedience classes in your area? _____

How much time do you think it will take the dog to adjust to its new environment and family members?

Are you willing to give the new dog at least 30 days to work through the basic adjustment issues in the new home? YES | NO (circle one)

What kinds of issues would require you to give up a dog (e.g., health, energy level, shedding, housebreaking issues, barking, housing problems)? _____

Describe any behavior that would cause you give up a dog (as opposed to seeking training to correct the problem): _____

Have you ever had to give up a dog? YES | NO (circle one) If so, why? _____

Have you ever had a dog stolen from you or had a dog run away? YES | NO (circle one)

If so, please describe the circumstances: _____

How much do you think the annual cost of owning a dog will be? _____

Who will care for the dog in your absence (emergencies, vacations)? _____

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Who is your veterinarian? _____

Veterinarian Phone: _____

Veterinarian Address - *If no current veterinarian, will you obtain one and commit to taking the dog to the vet within 14 days of adoption and mail or fax us proof of this vet visit?*

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Is your entire household supportive of this adoption? YES | NO (circle one)

Will you teach all household members the importance of never taking the dog out without a lead and the importance of making sure all gates and doors are secure? _____

Will you take the dog to a training class and crate-train him/her if recommended by Tara's House?
YES | NO (circle one)

Would you be willing to sign a document certifying this? YES | NO (circle one)

Have you applied to any other rescue groups? YES | NO (circle one)

If yes, please list other groups you have applied with: _____

Our dogs are in foster homes throughout the DC/Baltimore metro area. Please note that only applicants who have been through our entire adoption process and have received approval from us to adopt a pet may meet our pets. This process may take up to two weeks. Would you be willing to travel to a particular foster home to meet the dog, if you are approved to adopt? YES | NO (circle one)

How many miles would you be willing to travel to meet the dog? _____

Please indicate how you heard about our organization: _____

Do you agree to let a representative of Tara's House Animal Rescue, Inc. visit your home by appointment to conduct a home visit prior to the adoption? YES | NO (circle one)

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Please include any additional information we should consider here:

Please return your completed application to a Tara's House Representative
or FAX to 443.283.8091.