

MAS Rescue, Inc

DOG ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Please be honest with all your answers.

Maryland Animal Sanctuary & Rescue Inc. (MAS Rescue, Inc.), understands that everyone is different and that there are certain circumstances that you can not help. We will always do what we think is best for the animal(s). It is important that we find the right match for the dog and your family. Please remember to complete the application, blanks will delay the process.

Date		Name of the animal you wish to adopt:	
How/Where did you hear about MAS Rescue?			
Date you are ready/willing to adopt			
If the animal requested is already placed and you would like to be considered for a different MAS dog please tell us your preferences as to breed, age or gender			

Applicant:		Age	
Co-Applicant:		Age	
Relationship to Applicant: Spouse/Parent/Guardian/Roommate/ Partner			
Address			
City		State	Zip
Phone		Cell	
Email address			

Applicant's Employer:		Phone No.	
Work hours and days each week?			
Co-Applicant's Employer:		Phone No.	
Work hours and days each week?			

Number of children		Their ages?	
Other members of your household (please provide full names of those over 18):			

Nearest living relative (not living w/you):			
Address			
City		State	Zip
Phone		Cell	

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Why do you want to adopt a dog? Companion/Gift/Protection/For Child/Other	
For how long have you thought about adopting a dog?	
Who will be primary caretaker?	

Living arrangements (house, apt.,etc.):		Do you own OR rent?	
If you rent please include name of Landlord/Complex and phone number:			
Landlord/Complex		Phone No.	

Do you have a yard?		Do you have a fence?		Play area/park nearby?	
Please explain how you plan to exercise the dog.					
Where will you keep the dog during the day? Inside or Outside?					
Where will the dog sleep (crate, bed, room, etc.)?					
When you are not home, where will the dog be kept (crate, free room, etc.)?					

Please provide a **detailed** description of a typical day with your new furry friend.
(Include number of hours the animal will be left alone, if you will use a crate,
have someone visit, dog walker, puppy daycare, come home for lunch, etc.).

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Please list all of the animals currently living in your household:

Name	Age	Kind/Breed	Good w/other animals?

Please list all of the animals you owned in the past:

Name	Age	Kind/Breed	Why do you no longer have?

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If a behavioral problem arises, what steps will you take to work on it?

I highly recommend if you are having behavior problems, **instead** of abandoning the dog, you seek professional obedience training. Are you open to getting obedience training?

Describe how you would handle the following situations:

1. Animal urinates on floor:

2. Animal chews your shoes:

3. Animal climbs/sleeps on your couch:

4. Animal eats something poisonous:

5. Animal gets loose:

6. Neighbor complains:

What will you do with the animal, if you go away (vacation, family visits, etc.)?

What will you do with the animal if you move?

How much do you think it will cost to care for this dog each year? (Please consider the cost of food, grooming, vet care, supplies, training, etc.)

Vet's Name

Vet's phone:

Were the animals seen here listed under your name?

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THIS QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED Our rescued animals are updated with all necessary shots. We will verify with your vet that your new companion is being vaccinated and has been altered within the anticipated amount of time. Do we have your permission to contact your vet regarding the health of this adopted animal and the animals currently in your care?

***Please be aware, if we ever believe your adopted animal is not receiving the required care, vaccinations, parasite preventatives, or is not altered in the requested period of time, we do reserve the right to ask that the animal be returned. PLEASE INITIAL

Most of the animals that we have for adoption have been rescued from difficult situations, sometimes horrible circumstances, how do you feel about this?

Often they require several days (10-14days) to acclimate themselves to their new surroundings and routine. Can you allow the dog time to "fit in" to your lifestyle?

What circumstances would cause you to return this animal?

IF you need to give up your animal, how would you go about this?

Explain why I should feel comfortable with letting you adopt from me.

Personal reference (not relative):

Name			
Phone Number		Known for how many years:	

Please list additional Questions or Comments Here:

Are you interested in receiving our quarterly e-newsletter?

Your information (email address) will be for MAS Rescue ONLY.

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PLEASE READ ALL OF THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW:

If you cannot keep the animal, for any reason, we **require** that you call us; we will help you to place the animal in its new home. Under NO circumstances are you to relinquish the pet to a shelter, unless ordered by law.

We have cared for the animals, transported them, and supplied the medical care necessary, we will require an adoption fee (which varies), but we expect *payment when the animal is delivered.*

We also require that you obtain a new collar, leash and ID tag upon delivery of the animal. We also highly recommend micro-chipping your new furry family member.

Please do your research, read books, search the internet; there is a lot of advice out there for new adoptive families. Crate training is one of the most successful ways to housetrain your pet. And is also quite useful if you leave the house, it is for the safety of the pet and your belongings!

VERY IMPORTANT: This is a long term commitment. Most dogs live 10-15 years and cats live 15-20 years. When you adopt an animal, it is for the lifetime of the animal. Please think this through, where will you be for the next decade PLUS? Animals are not a short term "play thing" they are a living, breathing, emotional being that needs to be a part of your family for their LIFETIME. Please make sure you are ready to make the necessary commitment.

We do our very best to supply potential foster families and/or adoptive families with **all** the information we know about each animal that comes into our care. Due to very fact that all these animals are RESCUED, we cannot guarantee the specific breed, health, age or the temperament of any animal adopted. We also cannot be held responsible for any illness of this animal, any communicable illnesses, or damage to personal property.

We hope that you and your family find that special addition!

I have read the above information carefully and have filled out the application honestly and thoroughly. I agree to abide by all of MAS's policies. I understand that in order for my application to be approved, many factors are considered.

Please type or sign your name below indicating that you acknowledge and agree to the above.

Applicant		Date	
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