



## The Animal Rescue Project

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### Dog/Puppy Adoption Application

The first step in the process of adopting a pet from the Animal Rescue Project is to complete this application. The application provides important information. Working with you, we will be able to determine if the adoption is in the pet's best interest, and the process ensures that you will find a pet well-suited to your lifestyle. **Please provide detailed information for all questions.**

Our adoption fee includes the cost for vaccinations and other medical care; the spaying or neutering of the animal; and an adoption service charge. If the pet you have chosen has not yet been spayed or neutered, you may be able to take it home with you, but this will require you to sign an Early Release agreement with the Animal Rescue Project, a binding legal document that commits you to sterilize the pet at an appropriate age. The State of Michigan requires that we collect a \$25.00 deposit for unsterilized pets. We will hold this in escrow and return it to you when you submit proof of sterilization.

To qualify for adoption, you must:

- Be at least 21 years old and have a valid driver's license or state Identification Card stating your current address
- Have the knowledge and consent of a landlord, if relevant
- Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide medical treatment, proper nourishment and care, and training for a pet

**Please note: We reserve the right to refuse adoption to anyone. Please be advised that we will not adopt to persons who mislead or fail to provide accurate information on this application.**

Name of the pet(s) you are interested in:

#### Personal Information

Name:

Date:

Address:

City:

State

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

Spouse/Partner Name:

Email Address:

Your Age:

ID/ Drivers License #

#### Employment Information

Are you currently (check all that apply):  Employed full time  Employed part time  Unemployed

Student

Retired

Other, please explain:

If employed, name of employer

job title/line of work

How long with present employer?

If a student, where?

Spouse /partner occupation

Spouse/partner employer  How long there?

### Family Information

How many adults live in your home other than yourself? Please list names and ages:

How many children live in your home other than yourself? Please list names and ages:

Are ALL members of your household aware of and in agreement with this adoption? If not, please list who is not in favor of the adoption and the nature of their concern or objection:

### Home Information

Do you  own or  rent your home?  House?  Condo?  Mobile?  Apartment?

How long at current address?

If less than 2 years, what was your previous address?

If you rent, does your lease allow pets?  Yes  No  Don't know. How many pets?

**Required:** Name and phone of landlord

Do you have a fenced yard?  Yes  No If yes, what type of fence and how high?

Do you plan on moving in the foreseeable future? If so, where will you move, and why?

### Adoption Information

Why do you wish to adopt this pet? Check all that apply:

- Love animals, want to help a pet in need
- Companionship
- My children will learn to be responsible for/care for another creature
- Want to breed
- Looking for guard dog for home/property
- Feel sorry for the animal
- The animal is so cute I just can't leave it behind
- Gift for someone. If so, whom?
- Companion for another pet

What types of dog do you wish to give a permanent home to? Check all that apply:

- Friendly Dog
- Dog with special medical needs

Shy or timid dog

Senior Dog

High-energy dog

Physically challenged or handicapped dog

Dog that needs training

What is your preferred level of exercise with the dog? Check all that apply:

Couch potato

Vigorous walks

Yard exercise

Hiking/jogging

Short Walks

What strong preferences do you have in dog?

Female

Short hair

Breed

Male

Non-shed/hypoallergenic

Size/weight

Long hair

Age range

Color

Do you have a second or third choice among the pets available to you today?

### Vet Care

What is your estimate of the cost for annual routine vet care for the pet you wish to adopt?

Please provide a description of what you consider to be routine vet care:

Who is your current or past veterinarian?

Would you allow us to speak with your vet to obtain information on the health care of your pets?

Yes

No

### Current and Past Pets

What pets do you **currently** have? List all. Exclude fish.

Pet Name	Type of Animal	Where Obtained?	How Old?	Spayed/Neutered?
<input type="text"/>				
<input type="text"/>				
<input type="text"/>				
<input type="text"/>				

Are your current pets spayed or neutered?

Yes

No

If no, why not?

Do your current pets wear identification tags?

Yes

No

If no, why not?

Are your current dogs licensed?  Yes  No If no, why not?

Are your pet's vaccinations current?  Yes  No If no, why not?

If dog(s), heartworm preventive?  Yes  No If no, why not?

If cat(s), have they been tested for feline leukemia?  Yes  No  Unsure

Please tell us about the animals you have owned **in the past**, who are no longer with you.

Animal Name	Type of Animal	How Old?	Deceased?	If alive, where and why
<input type="text"/>				
<input type="text"/>				
<input type="text"/>				
<input type="text"/>				

Please tell us about the pet's weekly schedule as it relates to your schedule. Which hours during the day will your pet routinely be home alone? For example, if everyone is at work between 8 - 4 on Monday, you would write 8 - 4 in the Monday box.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<input type="text"/>						

When inside, how do you plan to keep your pet? Check all that apply

- Free inside house  Confined to crate  Inside a closed room

When outside, how do you plan to keep your pet? Check all that apply:  NA, indoors only

- Tie out chain  Garage  Patio area  Invisible fence  Fenced yard  
 Outside dog run  Leash and regular walks  Loose in yard unattended

Other, please explain:

Where will your pet be kept during the day?  At night?

### Training and Behavior

How will you introduce your new pet to any existing pets?

Which of the following behaviors or characteristics present a problem for you?

- Jumping on furniture  Chewing on shoes/furniture  Shedding  
 Barking/howling  Jumping on people  Digging

How do you plan to handle these issues?

Will you consider taking your dog to training classes?  Yes  No

## Responsibility

Who will be primarily responsible for the care of the pet?  How old is this person?

If your pet(s) were to survive you, what would happen to them? Who would take responsibility for them?

Have you ever taken a pet to the pound?  Yes  No

If yes, why?

How long will you keep the pet you are planning to adopt?

If you move in the future, what will you do with the pet you plan to adopt?

What would cause you to return the pet to us at some time in the future? (Check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Can't housebreak the pet                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet develops a serious medical condition that I can't afford to treat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet chews on furniture or is destructive                | <input type="checkbox"/> Found out I just don't like the pet                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet bites someone                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Too much energy, hard to control                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New pet doesn't get along with existing pet(s)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Can't afford the pet  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changed my mind about caring for pet                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in relationship, new love interest doesn't like pets           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog proves to be too much on top of caring for children | <input type="checkbox"/> Give birth to new baby, fear that the dog will harm him or her        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce, death of spouse/partner                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Kids go away to school, don't want to care for pet                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Found out I'm not a "dog person"                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Life change such as new job   |

Other, please describe:

If you are no longer able to keep the animal you adopt, do you agree that you must either return the animal to the Animal Rescue Project or find a suitable new home for it and notify us of the change in ownership?  Yes  No

Furthermore, do you agree that if you cannot keep the animal you adopt, you must house this animal until a suitable new home is available or until foster home space opens up?  Yes  No

The above statements are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Submission Options: 1) Fill out the application electronically and submit using the 'Submit Application' button. If the 'Submit Application' button does not function on your computer, (a) save a copy of the completed application to your computer, (b) attach it to an email message and (c) send it to [info@animalrescueproject.org](mailto:info@animalrescueproject.org) OR 2) Fax completed application to (269) 492-9589. We recommend you print a copy of your completed form and/or save a copy to your computer for your records.

