

Dog Adoption Application

Town of Westford Dog Impoundment Facility, Westford, VT 05494

802-752-7311 Dog Warden

802-878-4587 Town Office

Procedure: * Completely fill out & sign application.

Today's Date: _____

Name of Dog(s) Applying for _____ Breed/Type _____

Please print identification information clearly, especially email address:

Applicant(s) Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Place of Employment _____ Since (mo/yr) _____

E-mail _____ Home Phone(____) _____ Work Phone(____) _____

1. Why do you want to adopt a dog? _____

2. What do you think are the most important responsibilities in owning a dog? _____

3. Please list any preferences (age, sex, breed, personality) _____

4. Have you submitted an application with another organization for a dog at this time? ___yes ___no

5. Have you ever had an application declined for adoption of an animal from an animal welfare group/animal control facility? ___yes ___no Explain: _____

6. Are you willing to take the time to housebreak a dog, and do you understand that changing a dog's environment may cause the dog to have accidents? ___yes ___no

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

8. If you are applying for a puppy/dog who is not housetrained, how will you housetrain the dog: _____

9. Does any member of the family have any allergies to animals? ___yes ___no
Explain _____

10. Describe the kinds of personal situations where you might have to return your adopted dog, i.e., job loss, children, move, marital change, etc. _____

11. For whom are you adopting the dog? ___self ___gift ___other family member

12. How many people live in your home? _____

13. Are there any children in the household? ___yes ___no
If yes, what are their ages? _____

14. Who will be responsible for feeding and taking the dog outside? _____

15. Who will take care of the dog in the absence of the primary caretaker? _____

16. What reading and other/or steps have you taken to prepare for a new dog? _____

17. Will you take obedience training? _____

18. Will you be willing to obtain an appropriately sized, open-wire crate, if recommended? ___yes ___no

19. What kinds of animals have you owned? _____

20. Describe those pets you currently own:

If you have more animals than space provided, please use an additional sheet of paper and attach to this form.

a. Name _____ Type _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Is the pet Spayed or Neutered? ___ yes ___ no

Primarily Indoor or Outdoor? Explain: _____

What year did you get the animal? _____

How did you acquire the animal? _____

Comments: _____

b. Name _____ Type _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Is the pet Spayed or Neutered? ___ yes ___ no

Primarily Indoor or Outdoor? Explain: _____

What year did you get the animal? _____

How did you acquire the animal? _____

Comments: _____

21. Describe all pets you previously owned in the last 10 years:

If you have had more animals than space provided, please use an additional sheet of paper and attach to this form.

a. Name _____ Type _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Was the pet Spayed or Neutered? ___ yes ___ no

Primarily Indoor or Outdoor? Explain: _____

What year did you get the animal? _____

How did you acquire the animal? _____

Year deceased (or last year you had pet)? _____

Cause of death, or where pet is now (detail) _____

b. Name _____ Type _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Was the pet Spayed or Neutered? ___ yes ___ no

Primarily Indoor or Outdoor? Explain: _____

What year did you get the animal? _____

How did you acquire the animal? _____

Year deceased (or last year you had pet)? _____

Cause of death, or where pet is now (detail) _____

22. List each vet/animal hospital where your animal(s) received care over the last 10 years:
If several vets were used, please explain and provide approximate service dates. Please note that application review cannot be completed unless each vet's phone number is provided. If the space provided is insufficient, please use an additional sheet of paper and attach to this form.

Name(s) Phone # with area code (for each) (_____)_____

What owner name(s) are records listed under _____

Date of last vet visit: _____

23. Name of vet you will use for your new pet: _____

24. What kind of veterinary care do you plan to provide? _____

25. Have you considered the extra expenses that will come with having a dog including vet care, food, supplies and equipment, toys, training and boarding? Please explain: _____

26. What type of home do you live in? house townhouse duplex condo apt mobile

27. Do you own or rent your residence? own rent

28. If you rent: Landlord name _____ Landlord phone #(_____)_____

What type/size pets are allowed? _____

If you have rented your current residence for under a year, please provide prior address and prior landlord contact phone number:

Prior address _____

Prior Landlord's name: _____ Landlord phone #: _____

29. Do you have a fenced yard? yes no

Note: Secure, fully fenced yards are typically required for homes with children under age 12. For some dogs, fences of minimum 5 to 6 ft are required.

What type of fence? _____

How tall? (Give range of heights, if relevant) _____

Does the fence belong to you, or to neighbors? _____

Any holes or gaps? yes no

Is the fence attached to the home? yes no

30. If you do not have a fence, do you plan to install a fence? yes no. If yes, when? _____

31. Describe the circumstances in which you would walk/exercise a dog on leash: _____

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33. How often will you exercise the dog and for approximately how long? _____

34. How many hours will the dog be left unattended (i.e., workday)? _____
35. When you are home, where will the dog be kept? _____
36. Where will the dog sleep? _____
37. When no one is home (i.e. at work, shopping), where will the dog stay (be specific)? _____

38. Have you used or do you plan to install a dog door? _____
39. How often do you travel? _____
40. What will you do with the dog when you travel? _____
41. If you move, what will you do with the dog? _____
42. Are you or your spouse with the military? ___yes ___no
43. Are you familiar with your local animal control laws? ___yes ___no
44. Have **all adult** family members met with and agreed upon the dog? _____

I have read the above information carefully and have filled out this application honestly. I understand that omission of information and/or failure to answer all questions and sign the application can result in this application being declined. Also, if an omission or untruth is discovered after an adoption takes place, I understand that the Town of Westford Dog Warden reserves the right to annul the adoption and reclaim the animal. I give the Dog Warden permission to fully investigate the information provided as well as contact veterinarians and related officials.

In addition, I understand the adoption decision is dependent on many factors, including but not limited to the compatibility of the family and home to the individual animal, and other applications received on this animal. I understand it is the Dog Warden's prerogative to decide which home is most appropriate and that their decision is final, and therefore I will not argue with the decision. Unless otherwise indicated by the Dog Warden, I am free to apply and undergo the application process in the future.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Printed Full Name(s) _____