

LIGHTHOUSE ANIMAL SHELTER ▪ DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

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Name of dog(s) I am interested in adopting: _____

I am open to meeting other dogs if the dog I listed above is no longer available or if another dog at Lighthouse Animal Shelter may be a better fit for my family: Yes No

Name	Age	Email
Co-Adopter	Age	Email
Primary Phone #	Alternative Phone #	
We often correspond with applicants through email or text. <input type="radio"/> Email/text works for me <input type="radio"/> I prefer a phone call		
Address:	City, State:	Zip:

I live in a: House Condo Apartment Other: _____

How long have you lived at your current residence? _____ We often perform home visits. May we visit your home? Yes No

<input type="radio"/> I own <input type="radio"/> I rent:	Landlord Name:	Landlord Phone Number:
<i>*If your relative/friend/etc. owns the home you reside at, please leave their name & number above as the landlord.</i>		
<input type="radio"/> I have received permission from my landlord to adopt a dog.	<input type="radio"/> I will let my landlord know that Lighthouse will be calling.	

Your Yard:

- My yard is fully fenced. There is a fully enclosed space right outside my door.
- My yard isn't fully fenced, but I can walk the dog to a fully enclosed area of my yard.
- A part of my yard has fencing and barriers, but there isn't a fully enclosed space.
- I do not have any fencing in my yard.
- I have an electric fence.

My fencing is _____ feet high and made of:
 Stockade Chain Link Picket
 Other _____

Additional notes/details to further explain your yard/fencing:

The people who live in your home: How many adults live in your home? _____ How many children live in your home? _____

Does anybody in the home have allergies to dogs? Yes No Children's ages: _____

Have the children in your home lived with dogs before/have experience being around dogs?

How often will your dog be at home alone? We understand everybody's schedule can vary each week. Please give us a general idea of what the average week's schedule would be like for your dog:

What is your plan for when the dog is alone for an extended period of time?

Dog to Dog Socialization

We have dogs in our care who need daily socialization with other dogs. We also have dogs in our care who would like socialization with other dogs but don't require it daily, others who are tolerant of other dogs but don't absolutely need socialization with other dogs to thrive and be happy and others who want nothing to do with other dogs.

Please fill out this section as honestly and realistically as possible. You can check off as many options that are applicable to your situation.

- I have another dog in my home who my new dog will socialize with.
- I plan on socializing my dog every day with other dogs (besides my own).
- I plan on socializing my dog a few times per week with other dogs (besides my own).
- I plan on socializing my dog once per week with other dogs (besides my own).
- I want a dog who likes to interact with others but doesn't need it daily.
- I wouldn't mind having a dog who does not want to socialize with others.
- I am comfortable handling a dog who may be leash reactive toward other dogs but is otherwise dog friendly.
- I don't mind having a dog who doesn't like other dogs but is okay while passing other dogs on walks.
- I am comfortable handling a dog aggressive dog.

If you adopt a dog who is social with others, how do you plan on socializing your new dog?

- Doggie Daycare Dog Parks Walks with other dogs Play date with family/friends

Other:

Current Dogs (if applicable)

Name: _____ Weight: _____ Breed: _____ Male Female

When playing with female dogs, my dog is: Dominant Submissive Neutral Not friendly

When playing with male dogs, my dog is: Dominant Submissive Neutral Not friendly

My dog prefers to play with: male dogs female dogs no preference

Around other dogs, my dog is: high energy medium energy low energy

Around other dogs, my dog: plays nonstop plays if the other dog wants to play plays then takes a break keeps to himself

My dog accepts corrections from other dogs. My dog doesn't accept corrections from other dogs.

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Anything else we should know about your dog(s) to help us find them the perfect fit? It's okay to brag or tell us about your dogs' flaws. We love dogs and don't judge.

Professional Training

Dogs making the transition from shelter to a new home need time to adjust to a new environment and family and may require behavior training. Are you willing to provide any needed training?

- I plan on signing my new dog up for training regardless of their behavior.
- I plan on signing my new dog up for training when a problem arises.
- I don't plan on consulting a trainer/signing up for training classes.

What do you consider valid reasons for returning an adopted animal to the shelter?

Crate Training

Some dogs love their crate, others don't. Do you plan on crating your dog?

- Yes No, I don't want to crate a dog If the dog needs a crate, we will

We have been told by trainers (and have experienced ourselves), that crating a dog can resolve a lot of behavioral issues if they were to arise.

Would you be open to crating a dog in this instance? Yes No

What qualities are you looking for in your new dog? Check as many as apply.

Weight Range: _____

Age Range: _____

- High Energy Medium Energy Low Energy
- Good with cats
- Good with children under 5 years
- Good with children 5-12 years
- Good with children 12-18 years

Any other qualities that are important to you:

Do you have breed preferences?

Keep in mind, almost all of our dogs are mixes.

Do you have breed restrictions or breeds you would not consider adopting?

Please check all behaviors with which you would NOT be comfortable in handling.

- Barking Shyness
- Chewing Jumping
- Counter Surfing Separation Anxiety
- Growling Fence Jumping/Escape Artist
- Fear Aggression Mouthing/Play Biting

House Training (check as many as apply)

- I do not want any accidents in my home.
- I am willing to work on house training during the transition period from shelter to my home.
- I am willing to work on house training beyond the transition period with a dog who is partially house trained.
- I am willing to work on house training with a dog who has never been house trained.

Medical: Since shelter animals may have unknown medical histories, are you prepared to provide and pay for any necessary medical treatment that may occur after adoption? Yes No

List all animals you've had within the last 7 years, even if they are no longer in your care:

Species	Name	Age	Fixed?	Up to Date on Vaccines?	Male/Female	How long have you had this pet?	Is this pet still in your care? If not, what happened to them?
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Please call your vet office(s) to give them permission to speak with us. Most vet offices will not speak with our volunteers until you notify your vet office(s) that we will be calling.

Current Veterinarian: _____ Vet Phone #: _____

Previous Veterinarian(s): _____ Vet Phone #: _____

If your vet history is not under your name, who's name is it under? (Sometimes we are unable to find the correct file due to the vetting history being under a relative's name, roommate's name, maiden name, etc.)

Please provide 2 personal references (not relatives, who know of your experience with animals):

Name _____ Phone # _____

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Please let your personal references know that a volunteer will be giving them call (from their cell phone, not always the shelter phone. They should keep an eye on their voicemail if they screen their calls).

How did you hear about us? Facebook Instagram Petfinder Adopt-a-Pet Website

Other: _____

Lighthouse Animal Shelter works with applicants to select the best match between dog and family, rather than adopting on a first come, first serve basis to increase the likelihood of a successful adoption experience. The shelter reserves the right to refuse the adoption of any animal.

Please remember that your new dog should never be left around children unsupervised, and that your new dog needs to be kept in a secure fenced in yard, or on a leash when not inside, until they are well-bonded to you, know their territory, and is consistent in coming when called. Most rescue dogs will need to go through an initial adjustment period. They may have accidents, bark or whine, chew, and/or need to learn to get along with other dogs and/or cats in the household.

Our adoption fee is \$450.00 which helps to cover the expenses incurred in the dog's rescue. This includes spay/neuter, vaccinations, heartworm testing, and flea/tick & heartworm preventatives and de-worming while in our care, transport, boarding and other misc. expenses, and in most cases a microchip.

I, _____, agree that all of the information which I have given above is correct as written, and I authorize Lighthouse Animal Shelter to verify this information. Providing false information or withholding information on this application could result in denial for adoption and immediate return of the animal to Lighthouse.

Adopter Signature: _____ Date: _____