



# Whatcom Humane Society Dog Adoption Application

Thank you for choosing to adopt! Please complete the following questions to help guide our conversation today.

**PLEASE PRINT**

Your First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(e-mail addresses are used for registering microchips of adopted pets and for internal lost & found purposes,  
your e-mail address is not sold for commercial use)

Do you (please check): Rent  Own  Live w/parent  **-in a-** House  Apt  Condo  Other

Landlord/Property Management Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

(If your landlord requires an ESA letter, we will not proceed with the adoption process until you have submitted all necessary documentation)

This pet is meant to be a gift. I would like more information on how this process could work for my situation.

**Tell us about the HUMAN members of the new pet's household** (i.e., # of adults/seniors/children):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you owned dogs before?**  Yes  No  My family had dogs growing up, but this will be my first pet

**Tell us about the current ANIMAL members of the new pet's household:**

- There are one or more dog(s)
- There are one or more cat(s)
- There are one or more small animal(s)
- There are one or more livestock animal(s)

| <u>Staff Use Only</u> |
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| _____                 |
| _____                 |
| _____                 |
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Whatcom County residents, if you own dogs, are they currently licensed? (required by law)  **Yes**  **No**

City of Ferndale residents, if you own cats, are they currently licensed? (required by law)  **Yes**  **No**

**Tell us about regular visitors to your home** (i.e. other people's pets, children, seniors with walkers/canes, etc.):

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**What characteristics and personality traits are most important to you?**

- Playful and toy loving
- Most likely housetrained (or almost there!)
- Quiet, rarely barks (suitable for apartment life)
- Affectionate, cuddly
- Couch potato – laid back, low energy
- Watchdog – an alert dog who will be protective
- Social butterfly – outgoing and friendly with everyone
- A dog’s dog – plays well with others and likes most dogs
- Cat friendly – a dog who won’t chase cats
- Loyal - a dog who will bond closely with their person
- Adventure sidekick – an active dog who loves to go hiking, running, etc.
- Training superstar – a hard-working, intelligent dog that likes puzzle toys and learning tricks.

**What energy level are you looking for?**

- Low – ok with a couple leisurely strolls around the block
- Medium – likes regular walks, jogs, hikes, and playing fetch
- High – marathon runner, frequent hiker, biker, and swimmer

**Do you need a kid-capable canine?**

*Our shelter has dogs who would make great kid companions, dogs who love visiting with kids but don’t want to live with them full-time, and dogs who are uncomfortable or even afraid of children. Tell us more about your lifestyle and plans so we can consider the dog’s kid-capability when picking out your possible pooches.*

- I am currently expecting a child
- Kids live in my home
- Kids frequently visit my home
- My dog will be around lots of kids in my neighborhood
- I don’t have kids, but might want to try during my dog’s lifetime
- No kids for me!

**How do you feel about adopting a dog with a training requirement?**

*Some dogs require positive, reward-based classes depending on their age, breed, or behavior.*

- I would consider adopting a dog with a training requirement
- I would prefer to only meet dogs without a training requirement
- I might consider adopting a dog with a training requirement; I want to meet the dogs and learn more before deciding

**Where will you keep the dog during the day and where will the dog sleep at night?** (i.e. indoors, at work, in the yard, in the garage, at doggie-daycare etc.)

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**In an average day, how many hours will the dog be without human companionship?**

- Never – I work from home, the dog can come to work, the dog will go to doggie-daycare, etc.
- Less than 2 hours per day
- 2-4 hours per day
- 4-6 hours per day
- 6-8 hours per day
- 8+ hours per day

**When good dogs go bad...**

*No dog is perfect, and even the best dogs have quirks! We do a behavior evaluation of every dog before making them available for adoption, so we have a pretty good idea of what our pups' strengths and weaknesses are. **Let us know what traits you would be willing to work with:***

| Trait  | Yes | Maybe | No |
|--|-----|-------|----|
| Nervous / shy  |     |       |    |
| Separation anxiety (anxious/destructive when alone)  |     |       |    |
| Barking  |     |       |    |
| Not housebroken                                      |     |       |    |
| Pulling on leash                                     |     |       |    |
| Doesn't like other dogs                              |     |       |    |
| Can't live with other pets / need to be the only pet |     |       |    |
| Discomfort around kids                               |     |       |    |
| Destructive chewing                                  |     |       |    |
| Mouthiness / jumping on people                       |     |       |    |
| Protective of food / toys                            |     |       |    |
| I'd rather adopt a dog who doesn't need much work    |     |       |    |

**We'll explain this pet's medical and behavior history but please check any additional topics you'd like to discuss:**

| Home  | Handling  | Health   | Happiness   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> House training / crate training<br><input type="checkbox"/> Introducing this pet to other pets<br><input type="checkbox"/> Moving with pets<br><input type="checkbox"/> Children and pets<br><input type="checkbox"/> What to expect the first 3 days/3 weeks/3 months.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Finding a trainer<br><input type="checkbox"/> Leash walking<br><input type="checkbox"/> Biting/jumping behaviors<br><input type="checkbox"/> Harnesses vs. collars<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____<br>_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding and nutrition<br><input type="checkbox"/> Grooming / nail trimming<br><input type="checkbox"/> Future vaccinations<br><input type="checkbox"/> Finding a veterinarian<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____<br>_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise<br><input type="checkbox"/> Toys and fun activities<br><input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate treats<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____<br>_____<br>_____ |

**For you to adopt this animal, we need you to:**

- ❖ Be financially able to provide for the animal's needs. This includes food, supplies, grooming, and veterinary care.
- ❖ Be certain you have adequate time to spend with your new pet, including time for exercise and training.
- ❖ Have your landlord's permission to bring an animal onto their property.
- ❖ Bring in others living in the household to meet the pet you are interested in adopting.
- ❖ Be at least 18 years of age and have verifiable identification.
- ❖ Understand that this is an adoption, **not a sale**. The Whatcom Humane Society reserves the right to postpone or refuse an adoption.

**Please read and sign below**

- As part of the commitment to having each adoption be a success, I understand that the Whatcom Humane Society may contact me for adoption follow-ups if I adopt a pet.
- I hereby release to the Whatcom Humane Society all veterinary records of any/all animal(s) I have had or currently have. Name of veterinary hospital: \_\_\_\_\_
- I certify that all the information in this application is true and I understand that false information may void the application. I also understand that failure to comply with future requirements, such as mandatory obedience training or not providing a follow-up veterinary exam could result in my inability to adopt other animals from the Whatcom Humane Society.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*FOR STAFF USE ONLY\*\***

Person # \_\_\_\_\_ Is there a file in PetPoint? Yes  (If yes, add notes below) No

Person file notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Landlord Follow-Up:**

Landlord Approval: Obtained  Date/Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Denied  Date/Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I have reviewed the following dog related issues with the potential adopter:**

- | 1 <sup>st</sup>          | 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | 3 <sup>rd</sup>          | 4 <sup>th</sup>          |                                   | 1 <sup>st</sup>          | 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | 3 <sup>rd</sup>          | 4 <sup>th</sup>          |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dog to dog introductions          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dogs and children                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dog to cat introductions          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Destructive behavior                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Shelter behavior vs home behavior | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Exercise / toys                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Housebreaking / crate training    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Positive, reward-based training        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Identification / microchips       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Behavior evaluations / behavior issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Medical card / medical issues     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Behavior help / contacting WHS         |

**1<sup>st</sup> Counsel Comments:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Counsel Comments:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3<sup>rd</sup> Counsel Comments:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**4<sup>th</sup> Counsel Comments**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_