



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>

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.):

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.)

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

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 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | |
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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 |

1st Counsel Comments:

_____ Counselor Name: _____ Date: _____

2nd Counsel Comments:

_____ Counselor Name: _____ Date: _____

3rd Counsel Comments:

_____ Counselor Name: _____ Date: _____

4th Counsel Comments

_____ Counselor Name: _____ Date: _____