



Whatcom Humane Society Dog Adoption Application

Thank you for choosing to adopt a shelter dog! We at the Whatcom Humane Society are committed to seeking a permanent, loving, and responsible home in order to meet the needs of all the companion animals in our care. So that we can be assured that the dog you wish to adopt is best suited for your home and lifestyle, we ask that you complete the application below.

In order to complete the adoption process, you may need to complete any or all of these steps:

- Be of the legal age (18) and possess valid identification.
- Be able to financial provide for the dog's needs; including food, supplies, licensing, and veterinary care.
- Be able to provide for the dog's social and exercise needs;
- Have landlord permission (if applicable) to house a dog on the property; if an ESA letter is required by your landlord, you will need to have it on file before adopting.
- Bring in other residents of the home to meet and approve the dog's adoption.
- Understand that this is an adoption, *not a sale*. WHS reserves the right to refuse an adoption.

Primary Applicant First & Last Name: _____ Age: _____

Residence Address: _____ Unit: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____ Length of Time at This Address: _____

I (please check one) Rent Own Live with Parent; in a (please check one) House Apt Condo Mobile

Please list the residents living in the home (i.e. adults, seniors, children, etc.; please include age info): _____

Landlord or Property Manager: _____ Phone: _____

Are there any dogs in the home now? Yes, my dog(s)! Yes, another resident's dog(s). No, there are no dogs.

Resident Dog Info
Breed: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> M♂ <input type="checkbox"/> F♀ Spayed/Neutered: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Age: _____ Licensed: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
How long have you had this pet in your home? _____

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How long have you had this pet in your home? _____

Are there any cats in the home now? Yes, my cat(s)! Yes, another resident's cat(s). No, there are no cats.

Are there any other animals in the home/on the property now? (small animals, livestock; please specify) _____

Why are you interested in adopting a dog? (i.e. companionship, active buddy, family pet, etc.) _____

What kind of dog did you have in mind? (i.e. size, breed, sex, energy level, etc.) _____

Are there any traits you are specifically seeking in a dog? (energy level, kid friendly, dog parks & brewery visits, etc.) _____

Are there any behaviors you are worried about being too challenging? (bite history, chewing, resource guarding, barking, medical concerns, special needs, etc.) _____

Are you established with a veterinarian that the dog would see? No Yes: _____

How many hours, on average, would the dog be alone? _____ Do you have access to a fenced yard? Yes No

Where would an adopted dog stay when no one is home? _____

How important is it that an adoptable dog...

... be affectionate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
... interact with houseguests?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
... get along well with children?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
... get along well with other dogs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
... be housebroken/potty-trained?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
... tolerate small animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
... interact with livestock?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
... be active?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
... be appropriate for visits to the dog park?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
... be a good home guardian?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
... be a training superstar?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
... be a couch potato?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important

Would you be able to commit to positive, reward-based training for an adopted dog? Yes No Unsure?

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about what you're looking for in a dog?

Is there anything in your history with dogs that we should be aware of? (breed experience, training, etc.)

Would you like to add anything else about your home or family that you think we should consider?

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 pertaining to any/all animals I have had or currently have. Name of Veterinary Clinic/Hospital: _____
- I certify that all the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that false information may void this application. I also understand that failure to comply with future requirements, such as mandatory obedience training or failing to provide a follow-up veterinary exam could result in my inability to adopt other animals from the Whatcom Humane Society.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***** STAFF USE ONLY *****

Is there a file in PetPoint? Yes; Person #: _____ (see notes below) No

Person File Notes: _____

Landlord Check: Approved; Date/Initial: _____ Denied; Date/Initial: _____

Landlord Notes: _____

I have reviewed the dog related issues listed below with the potential adopter.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog to dog introductions | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog to cat introductions | <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs and children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Destructive behavior | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter vs. home behavior | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise & toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housebreaking & crate training | <input type="checkbox"/> Positive, reward-based training | <input type="checkbox"/> Identification & microchipping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior evaluations & issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior help & contacting WHS | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical card & medical concerns |

Discussion Notes (please be as detailed as reasonably possible)

Call Counsel; Date: _____ Dog (name & animal #): _____

Notes: _____

_____ Counselor: _____

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