

Animal House Sanctuary

“We don’t just find homes, we find Families!!!”

AHSAdopt@Gmail.com

First, we would like to thank you for your interest in Animal House Sanctuary (AHS). Below lays out our expectations for those looking to adopt our animals. Please read through it thoroughly. Thank you.

At AHS we set out to adopt our cats and dogs to their forever home to serious adopters. A pet is a lifetime commitment and we expect our adopters to fully commit and care for these animals. It is our expectation that adopters will maintain routine vetting, keep animals current on vaccinations and on preventative care. Grooming is expected for animals that require it and we expect our animals to be indoor pets with limited (only with a fence) or preferably no time unsupervised outdoors.

We are not your typical shelter in that we do not have open hours for people to come see the dogs and cats in our care. We will only schedule meet and greets for those with an approved application on file. We will not bend this rule and we do not appreciate window shoppers. We will complete vet references and if there is any lapse in vetting or preventative care then you will be denied.

Our review process does take time. We are a volunteer based rescue, meaning everyone helping AHS is taking time out of their day to help out. It is typical that our review process can take a few days and then it make take a few more days to schedule a meet and greet. If you are looking for a pet same day or by next day, then AHS may not be the best fit for your needs.

If you are looking for the perfect dog or the perfect cat, then we are not the place for you. We love our animals but many come to use fractured, sick or defeated. We never give up on them and they come out stronger in the end. These are also the animals that will show an undying gratitude because they know the rough side of life and cherish the great side. So if you are looking for that perfect pet you painted in your head, then please extend your search elsewhere. We appreciate you thinking of AHS but we may not be the best fit for you and that is okay.

If you are open to a dog or cat that may not have had the best past but has unlimited love to give and will appreciate the second (or third) chance you give them, then please submit your application and we would love to meet with you!

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STOP!!!
Pets need veterinary care throughout their lives. Before adopting a pet, be sure you have budgeted for quality pet food, as well as annual vaccines, checkups, and monthly heartworm and flea/tick preventatives, and needs. DO NOT apply to adopt a PET if YOU do not have the MEANS/FUNDS to provide ongoing care for the pets ENTIRE LIFE!

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

How long have you lived in your current address: _____

List all previous addresses in the past five years: _____

Is everyone in the home in agreement of adding a dog to the household/family? _____

Email Address: _____

Place of Employment _____

How long have you been employed at this place? _____

Spouse place of employment: _____

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How long have spouse been employed at this place? _____

1. Name of dog you are applying for: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

▪ What energy level are you seeking?

a.) Second Choice of dog (if 1st choice is no longer available) _____

b.) Are you open to another dog? _____

c.) Primary reason for adoption? _____

2. Do you have any adult experience with the breed you are applying for, If yes, please explain what you know:

3. Where will your new dog spend his/her time during the day?

4. Where will your new dog spend his/her time during the evening?

5. Where will your new pet spend his/her time when you are out of town?

6. How long will your dog be alone, on average, without a potty break?

7. Do you own or plan to buy a crate? If you do not plan on crating, how will you keep your dog contained while you aren’t available to supervise him/her?

8. Please tell us the traits you are looking for in a dog:

9. Please list the reasons why you would NOT keep a dog:

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10. Do you plan on spaying/neutering your new pet if she/he is not already altered?

11. Do you plan to breed your new adopted pet if not already altered?

12. Are you willing to work on basic obedience, which may include going to obedience training?

If so, can you provide us with trainer info/company and contact info you plan on using?

13. What brand of food do you plan to feed your new dog?

14. In the event you become unable to care for this dog, who will care for him/her?

15. Are you prepared for the financial obligations of owning a dog, including but not limited to:
food, shelter, obedience training, vet visits, medications and grooming?

16. Would you allow us to do a home inspection prior to adoption?

17. Do you understand that, even though vaccinated, we cannot guarantee the health or temperament of any dog adopted through our organization?

18. Do you understand that if you have children in your home, dogs and children must be supervised at all times?

19. Do you agree to care for this dog and provide food, water, medical care, grooming, indoor housing, and companionship for the rest of his/her life as long as you are capable?

20. Do you understand it is required by your contract to provide monthly flea/tick and heartworm prevention to your dog every month unless otherwise directed by your veterinarian?

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21. Do you understand that this dog is a pet, and that if you cannot keep the dog you will immediately contact Animal House Sanctuary to arrange for the dog to be picked up/dropped off at a specified location?

22. Do you understand if the dog must be returned and you cannot provide proof of current vaccinations and/or heartworm prevention, you will be charged an owner surrender fee for the dog?

23. Do you understand it might take weeks to accept the dog back into foster care and that it is your responsibility to care for this dog until a foster home can be found?

24. Have you or anyone in your household been convicted of a crime against animals or children?

25. Do you understand that if your adopted pet is not spayed/neutered due to age (i.e. young puppy) at the time of adoption, you are required to follow through with our veterinary center for the surgery and if the dog is not spayed/neutered within the timeframe agreed upon, Animal House Sanctuary has the right to reclaim the dog at any time?

26. Do you have a fenced in back yard?

- If yes, how high?
- Is it fully or partially fenced?
- Is it an electric fence?
- Is it a wooden fence or chain link?

If you don’t have a fence, how will you keep your dog in close proximity?

27. How do you plan to exercise your new dog?

28. Do you own or rent a home?

- If you own your home does your home owner insurance have any breed restrictions within your contract?

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- Who is your homeowner insurance with?
- If yes, what breeds are restricted or not covered?
- If you rent, does your landlord allow pets?

If rent, Landlord’s name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Adults in the home: _____ Ages: _____

Number of children in the home: _____ Ages: _____

29. Will you keep the dog you adopt from us on heart worm Preventative?

30. Will you keep the dog you adopt from us on flea/tick preventative?

31. Will you do annual vet visits for vaccines and heartworm testing?

32. Does anyone in the home have dog allergies?

33. What will happen to the dog if family is expecting a child?

34. Where will the dog be kept, Circle all that apply? Indoor / outdoor / garage / basement /

in home / tied outdoor / tied to a dog house

35. Will the dog be left outdoor when home alone and if so how long?

36. Will the dog ever be outdoor unattended and if so for how long?

37. How will you secure the dog if he/she will be an outdoor dog?

38. Will the dog be an outdoor pet only?

39. Are you physically able to take this dog outside to eliminate and on walks and make sure he/she gets the exercise he/she needs?

40. What if this dog gets hurt or has a medical emergency, can you afford it?

41. What if this dog gets loose from your control (darts out the door or jumps the fence)?

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42. What will you do if this dog eliminates inside your home?
43. What will you do if this dog chews something up?
44. What will you do if this dog barks at an inconvenient time?
45. If you have children, do you teach them to respect the dog's space and not climb all over the dog, use as a pony, or tease the dog?
46. What if the dog develops a skin or food allergy, can you afford a special diet?
47. What will happen to this dog, if an issue arises and you must move from your current home?
48. What are your thoughts on animal abuse/dog fighting/using animals as bait?

Are your current pets up to date on:

Vaccinations: _____

Heartworm prevention: _____

What brand? _____

Where do you purchase it? _____

Are your pets spayed/neutered? _____ If not, why?

49. Have you ever given a pet up?
 - a. Why?
 - b. Where/who was pet given to?
 - c. Is the pet still with them? Do you keep in contact?

50. What other pets do you currently have in your home?

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Pet (s) Name(s), Age(s), Species(s), and Breed(s), Spay/neutered, Energy level

51. Who is (was) or (will be) your PRIMARY veterinarian? (Please call them ahead to establish a relationship with future vet) and/or let them know you give Animal House Sanctuary permission to request information on past and current pet(s) records. Provide # of all veterinarians used to vet previous and current pets.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

52. Please provide 2 personal references:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

53. It may take your new dog a minimum of (4) four or more weeks to adjust to its new home, especially if other pets are in the home. Are you prepared to allow this much time?

54. When would you be ready to bring your new pet home if approved? _____

55. Will you keep in contact with the rescue with updates and pictures on your new pet?

56. Please provide a detailed paragraph of the daily activity/energy level of yourself and family members in the home. This will help us match you and your family best with a canine companion.

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By signing below, I certify that the information I have given is true and that I recognize that any misrepresentation of the facts may result in my losing privilege of adopting a pet from Animal House Sanctuary. I also agree to stay in contact with the rescue for the duration of the adopted pet(s) life. I authorize investigation of all statements on this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please attach a copy of current ID of all adults living in the home. This is for the background check and a piece of mail for proof of address.

Name your Price Adoption Fee \$ _____

Adoption applications are process Monday - Thursdays. We are a foster, volunteer base program. Applications can take up to 7 days for processing. We do not hold pets.

EXTRA NOTES: