

# HEIDI'S LEGACY: DOG RESCUE, INC

(a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization)

## ADOPTION APPLICATION

**\*\***(Save to your computer then email it to [HeidisLegacy@aol.com](mailto:HeidisLegacy@aol.com))**\*\***

Your answers will permit us to more effectively match your needs with a dog in our program.

- Please fill out your application completely. We need to know as much about you as possible before we consider allowing you to adopt one of our adoptable pets. The information you provide on your application will help us determine the best possible match for both dog and adoptive family.
- **If you do not fill out the application in FULL, or are not 100% truthful, your application will be discarded without further notice.** If a question does not apply to you, fill in the blank with "Not Applicable" or "N/A".
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old or older.
- Most of our volunteers/foster moms and dads work full time, have families, have pets, and a life of their own, so please be patient. We will get back to you as soon as possible.
- We require that all animals in the prospective adoptive family be spayed or neutered, up-to-date on vaccines, and on heartworm prevention. We feel that "responsible" pet owners fit in this category.
- We prefer homes with fenced yards. While this is not necessarily a strict requirement, it is a serious consideration when we are processing applications. If you meet all of our other criteria, but don't have a fenced yard, we will process your application to see if we may still have a match for your family. You must have a plan in place for exercise/potty needs of the adopted dog.
- We do not reserve dogs. Even if you seem like the perfect match for a particular dog, we will not hold a dog in a foster home to wait for you to get approved. It is not fair to the dog should another family come along that is equally as well matched. We also will not hold on to a dog for a period of time once you are approved. This is not fair to the dog, to the foster home, or to another needy dog. We recommend that you get approved before you see a dog you want so that when the right match comes along, you will be ready.
- Keep in mind: Rescue dogs need and deserve your patience. Whether it be house training, getting along with the other pets or just settling in...be prepared. They will need time to adjust to your home and family.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE PET YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING

Which animal are you interested in adopting? If you have no specific animal in mind, please tell us what kind of dog you want to adopt... your preferences with regard to breed, sex, age, color etc: \_\_\_\_\_

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following best describes your current residence?

House Apartment Duplex Mobile Home Condo Townhome

Do you rent or own? Own Rent/Lease Live With Parents

If you are currently renting, please list Landlord's Name:

Landlord's Phone Number:

How long have you resided at this address?

Is there a pond, lake, or canal in your backyard? Yes No

Does your residence have a pool or hot tub? Yes No

If yes, is it fenced/covered so that pet CANNOT get to it? Yes No If yes, please explain:

Does your residence have a (check all that apply :) Yard Fence Dog Run Dog Door

If fenced please specify type and height of fence:

If no fence, please explain how you will address the dog's exercise and bathroom needs, safety, etc

Type of companion animal you are seeking: Puppy Adult Dog Other Type of Pet

How many people are in your household?

Number and age of Adults:

Number and age of Children:

Who will be the primary care giver for the newly adopted animal?

Does anyone in the household have any known animal allergies? Yes No

If yes, Please explain:

Why are you interested in adopting? Check all that apply:

Companion for Self Companion for Family For Breeding Gift  
For Protection For Child Replace Previous Pet Companion for Other Pet  
Other - Please specify

Is this your first pet as an adult? Yes No

If no, please list previous pets and duration they were with you:

Do you currently have other pets? If yes, please list all current pets and how long you have had them:

How do you plan to introduce the new pet to the household?

How will you handle the following potential situations?(emergencies or diagnosed medical condition)

If you should move what will become of the pet?

Are you prepared to spend several weeks or, perhaps months, waiting for your new pet to adjust to a new environment?

Yes No

Are you willing to travel to pick up your new pet? Yes No

Please provide your current Veterinary information:

Vet Name:

Phone:

How long have you been with this vet?

Are you prepared for the expense that is incurred annually for veterinary medical costs? Yes No

Are your current pets up to date on shots, heartworm preventative, veterinary care, etc? Yes No

If not, please specify which ones and why not :

Are your current pets spayed and or neutered? Yes No  
If no, why not?

What is the longest duration you will leave your pet unattended outside?  
Where will your pet be kept at night?  
Where will your pet be kept during the daytime?

How many hours a day will there be someone at home with this pet?

What brand of food do you plan on feeding your new pet?

Do you plan on having your new pet enrolled in obedience training? Yes No  
If yes, where:

Have you ever turned an animal into a shelter? Yes No  
If yes, Please explain:

Do you understand that there are no guarantees about the house training, behaviors, temperament or health of a dog that is adopted and that the adjustment period varies for each dog? Yes No

Which of the following behaviors would present a problem for you or your family, and explain how you will handle/correct each situation:

Jumping on furniture/ counter tops/ table	Your reaction:
Scratching/ biting/ ripping furniture	Your reaction:
Chewing on plants/ garbage/ other	Your reaction:
Barking and/or howling	Your reaction:
Play biting	Your reaction:
Urinate/defecates inside the house	Your reaction:
Keeps you awake at night	Your reaction:
Sheds excessively	Your reaction:
Ruins an expensive article	Your reaction:

Have you applied with another rescue organization in your search for your new family member? It helps us to realize this when trying to coordinate our volunteer efforts.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have an application currently submitted with another rescue. Which one?

\_\_\_\_\_ I applied with another rescue but did not adopt from that organization. Which one?

\_\_\_\_\_ I have never applied with another rescue organization.

\_\_\_\_\_ I adopted through another rescue organization in the past. Which one?

ALL APPLICANTS ARE SUBJECT TO A HOME VISIT. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE OR REJECT ANY APPLICATION. IT MAY TAKE SEVERAL DAYS FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE REVIEWED, DEPENDING ON THE VOLUME OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED. PLEASE BE PATIENT. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Please provide first and last names of three references and their phone numbers: (not family members)

1.

2.

3.

I certify that the information I have provided is accurate and honest.

Signature:

Date: