

# The Humane Society of the Southeast, Inc.

## Preliminary Adoption Application for DOGS

Thank you for your interest in adopting one of our wonderful rescue animals. Please complete the following information, which will help ensure the best match for you and your new pet. After completion, please return to a HSS volunteer for careful review and to answer any questions s/he may have for you regarding your application. **Note** – HSS has as its primary concern the well-being of our animals. We are seeking the best match between each pet and prospective adoptive family; the completion of this application does NOT guarantee approval of the adoption. In cases where several people are interested in the same pet, we will select the home that is best suited for the pet -regardless of the order in which the applications were received. Many variables are considered in this important decision and the final determination will be based on our best judgment and experience. Incomplete applications will not be considered. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, understanding, and patience during this process.

Name of the animal(s) that you are interested in adopting?

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Adopter's Information		
Name	Are You 18 or Older?	
Address	Apt #	
City	State & Zip	
Phone	Alt Phone	
Email		
Employer	Years Employed?	Work Phone
Will the pet live at the address listed above? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Do you or your spouse/partner have a job that requires relocation? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes; how often?		
_____		
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What will happen to the pet if you relocate?		
_____		

Veterinarian's Information	
May we contact your veterinarian? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
Name	
Address	
City	State & Zip
Phone	

**Any extra information, please write here:**

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Please place a check (✓) in the appropriate box(es)			
<b>Please check reason(s) for adopting this pet.</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Companion for self	<input type="checkbox"/> Getting pet for a friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Guard Dog	
<input type="checkbox"/> Companion for current pet	<input type="checkbox"/> Getting pet for a relative	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Dog	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Pet	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
<b>Where will your new pet live?</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside		<input type="checkbox"/> Outside	<input type="checkbox"/> Inside & Outside
<b>Where will your new pet stay when left home alone?</b>			
<b>Inside</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Free Run of Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Room	<input type="checkbox"/> Basement or Garage
<b>Outside</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Pen	<input type="checkbox"/> Fenced Yard	<input type="checkbox"/> Chained
			<input type="checkbox"/> Tied to Run
<b>Where will your new pet sleep at night?</b>			
<b>Inside</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Free Run of Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Bed Room	<input type="checkbox"/> Basement or Garage
<b>Outside</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Pen	<input type="checkbox"/> Fenced Yard	<input type="checkbox"/> Chained
			<input type="checkbox"/> Tied to Run
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Please place a check (✓) in the appropriate box in front of the question and/or write you answer in the space provided.</b>	
		Will there be an adult home during the day? <b>If no or part-time</b> , how many hours will the pet be alone each day?	
		Do you understand that proper care of your pet includes making kennel reservations when you plan the family vacation?	
		Are you aware of the proper way to introduce a new animal into a household with an existing pet? <b>Please explain:</b>	
		Will you be able to keep this new pet on <u>monthly</u> heartworm, flea and tick preventatives?	
		Will you permit a HSS representative to visit you in your home prior to and / or after adoption? <b>List the most convenient days and times for you:</b>	
		Have you ever adopted a pet from HSS or another rescue organization?	

Tell Us About Your Previous Pets	
Please indicate what happened to each of your previous pets?	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Died from:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> *Old Age or Sudden Death: <b>explain below</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Parvo / Distemper	<input type="checkbox"/> Heartworms
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Given Away:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Developed allergy <input type="checkbox"/> Relocated <input type="checkbox"/> Gave to friend/relative	<input type="checkbox"/> Kids lost interest in pet <input type="checkbox"/> Got married/divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Surrendered to shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> New baby <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Partner didn't like pet <input type="checkbox"/> Due to financial hardship
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lost:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Pet was stolen	<input type="checkbox"/> Pet ran away	<input type="checkbox"/> Put to sleep

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Tell Us About Your Current Pets					
What is the Total Number of Pets in Home?					<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Where do your animals live?					
Dog, Cat, or Other?	Breed	Gender	Age	All Vaccines Current? (Yes or No)	Pet Spayed or Neutered? (Yes or No)

Questions About Your New Puppy / Dog
How big do you think the puppy you are adopting will be as an adult? <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
What activity level do you think this pet will have once s/he is an adult? <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> High
Who will be responsible for spending the time for training the puppy?
How do you plan to exercise your new pet?
How will your pet be cared for when you leave town?
List some problems associated with raising a puppy:
What behaviors are you <u>NOT</u> willing to tolerate from a pet?
What will you do to correct the behaviors you have just listed?

Housing Information
Do you live in a: <input type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> Condo <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Townhouse <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home
Do you: <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Live with Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Live with Roommate(s)
How many adults (18+ ) live at this residence: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

How many children (< 18 ) live at this residence: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
If applicable, please list the age(s) of your children:
Is everyone in the residence in agreement with getting a pet? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does anyone in the home have allergies to a dog? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes; Explain:
Who will be the primary caretaker for the pet?
What is the size of your yard? <input type="checkbox"/> ¼ acre <input type="checkbox"/> ½ acre <input type="checkbox"/> ¾ acre <input type="checkbox"/> 1 acre <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
What size fence do you have (length, width, height)?
What type of fence do you have (list material)?
How Busy is the Street in which the home is located? <input type="checkbox"/> Busy <input type="checkbox"/> Slight traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Country (off main road) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential neighborhood
What is the name of the apartment complex? <input type="checkbox"/> Check If Not Applicable
If Living in a Apt/Townhouse/Condo: List the name and phone number of the Manager so that HSS may speak with her/him about bringing a pet into the complex: <input type="checkbox"/> Check If Not Applicable
Do you know the license, leash and animal laws of the community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Initials	Read & Initials <u>Each</u> Section
	I understand that a dog may live up to 15+ years and I am prepared for this lifelong commitment.
	I understand that it may take a month or longer for this pet to adjust to its new home and I am prepared to allow this much time.
	I understand that young children (< 8 y.o.) should not be left unsupervised with any animal.
	I understand that I must puppy/dog-proof my home to ensure the safety of my pet.
	I agree to provide fresh food and water, and a shelter for inclement weather if my pet will be outside for hours while I am away.
	I agree that that I will provide for <u>annual</u> vaccinations, regular heartworm prevention medication, monthly flea/tick prevention medication, de-worm as necessary, and provide regular grooming for my pet. Failure to do so will adversely affect the health of the animal.
	I understand that I must visit the veterinarian if my pet acts unusual; I must also schedule an annual exam <b>BEFORE</b> the rabies vaccine and other vaccines expire.
	I understand that if my pet is not provided with the appropriate exercise, attention, and affection, s/he may experience loneliness, boredom, frustration, depression, etc which may translate into your pet's destructive behavior such as inappropriate chewing, barking, digging, aggression, etc.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – I hereby certify that all the information that I provided is true and correct. Further, I hereby authorize HSS to verify any and all information provided for purposes of

**adoption. I understand that any misrepresentation or untruthfulness will result in my application being denied.**

**Adopter's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**

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**HSS Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_