



**Dog Speed Animal Rescue**

## **Dog Adoption Application**

If you are interested in adopting one of our rescues, please fill out this form to give us some information about you and your family. The information requested helps match prospective homes with the right pet, so please answer as fully as possible. We will get back to you shortly upon receipt of your application. **All information provided will be kept strictly confidential!**

We are seeking good forever homes for our rescues, so if we don't actually know you, the only way we can ensure our rescues go to suitable, responsible and loving homes is to gather the information below. We want to avoid mismatches so that a pet is not "bounced" from home to home too many times.

### **Part I: Your Information**

This section provides us with your contact info and with relevant general information so that we can do our best to ensure the animal you adopt is best suited for *your* circumstances.

Name:

Address:

City/Prov/PC:

Home & Cell Phone:

Email Address:

• Number of adults in household (over 18):

Male	Ages
Female	Ages

• Number of children and ages:

Boys	Ages
Girls	Ages

• Are you agreeable to a home visit as a condition to adopting?      YES      NO

• If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_



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- Does anyone in the home have any allergies? YES NO UNSURE
- If yes, have you discussed with your physician the risk of bringing a pet into the home? (Many animals are returned due to allergies, however, certain breeds do not impact allergy sufferers so this is helpful info in selecting the right breed for you.) YES NO
- Are you expecting a child, or planning a family in the future? YES NO UNSURE
- If yes, will this affect any of the living conditions of the animal you adopt? YES NO
- How long have you been considering adding a dog(s) to your home? \_\_\_\_\_
- How much thought have you put into welcoming the pet you wish to adopt? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you carefully read all the needs/special traits of the dog(s) you wish to adopt? YES NO
- What type of dwelling do you live in?: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you own or rent/lease? \_\_\_\_\_
- If you rent/lease, does the landlord allow pets? YES NO UNSURE
- Do you have access to a yard? YES NO Is it securely fenced? YES NO
- If "yes", what type of fence and height? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does it have a self-closing gate? YES NO Does the gate(s) lock? YES NO
- Can children reach the latch to open the gate? YES NO
- If the yard is not fenced, are you willing to build a fence? YES NO
- Can strangers gain access to your yard from the street? YES NO
- Do you have a pool? YES NO If yes, is it securely fenced? YES NO
- Where will the pet sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where will the pet stay when home alone? \_\_\_\_\_
- How long will the pet be alone each day on average? \_\_\_\_\_ hours
- Do you plan to use a crate? YES NO Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_
- Has anyone in this household ever been charged and convicted of animal cruelty, abuse or neglect? YES NO UNSURE

## **Part II: Behaviour**

This section helps us match the right dog with your expectations and preferences.

- Are you willing to enrol your dog in basic obedience classes? YES NO UNSURE
- Which family members would be expected to assist in home training? \_\_\_\_\_



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- What is your training/discipline method? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are your training objectives (i.e. basic obedience training, agility, fly-ball, herding, dock dog, working dog, therapy dog, etc)? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you willing to provide DAILY walks year-round for this dog? YES NO UNSURE
- What energy level is your family? For example, do you prefer to watch TV, play video games, read and generally relax after a busy day or do you prefer to do outdoor activities i.e. jog, hike, bicycle, sports, on a regular basis?

This info will help us ensure the dog's energy level is a good match to your family's time/energy (some breeds require high amounts of exercise which, if not provided, could result in behavioural issues at home, other breeds are "couch potatoes" and don't require a lot of exercise – a good energy match is essential).

### **Part III: Pet History**

This section gives us an overview of your past experience with caregiving for pets. Lack of experience does not in any way mean you won't be approved, but rather will enable us to match for the right breed/temperament. For example, we would not want to place a "difficult" dog into an inexperienced home; and if someone is inexperienced, we can then make appropriate recommendations at time of adoption to help with a successful fit.

- Have you ever had a cat/dog before? YES NO
- If yes, which species and how long? \_\_\_\_\_
- What happened to the pet? \_\_\_\_\_
- Was s/he a rescue pet? YES NO
- Where did you obtain the pet? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have pets at this time? YES NO
- If yes please list each (species/breed/gender/\_\_\_\_\_
- Neutered/Spayed? YES NO
- How long have you had this pet(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
- List any behavioural or medical issues \_\_\_\_\_
- List any other critters currently in your home i.e. ferrets, hamsters, snakes, birds \_\_\_\_\_
- Please list your previous pets, how long each lived with you and what happened to them: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Part IV: What Type of Pet**

This section helps us know what you are looking for in a pet.

- What type of animal do you wish to adopt? (circle all that are applicable)

*Puppy   Adult Dog   Dog with puppies   Senior Dog   Special Needs   Bonded Pair*

*Other Species/Comments* \_\_\_\_\_

If you circled 'Special Needs', please specify all applicable:

Physically Challenged\*   Puppy Mill Dog   Chained Dog

\* Physically Challenged can include deaf, blind, amputees, epileptic, diabetic, etc.

NOTE: Former puppy mill & chained dogs have never had any freedom, training or exposure to people, other animals or different environments so require extra patience and attention.

• GENDER:   Female   Male   Either

• SIZE:   Any   Toy   Miniature   Small   Medium   Large   Giant

- Generally speaking, what sort of temperament are you looking for in a dog? i.e., playful, intense, quiet, timid, energetic, athletic, 'couch potato', etc.

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- Are there any breed-specific type traits you are seeking, i.e. herding, tracking, running, retrieving?

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- Is there a specific animal at Dog Speed you wish to apply for? If yes, pet's name:

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## **Part V: Adopting a Rescue**

This section addresses potential issues rescues can have that may affect the pet you are interested in.

- Are you aware that some of the rescue pets have been “bounced” from a number of homes/shelters or were abused and/or neglected?    YES    NO

Some rescues have never had a home before, may not be socialized or housetrained, and don't understand what is expected of them. This is the most frequent reason pets are returned to us - because people expect they will fit in quickly – IT TAKES TIME FOR THEM TO FEEL SECURE AND LEARN YOUR ROUTINE.

- Are you prepared and willing to be patient and commit to helping the pet settle into your family routine, understanding it may take several months, even as long as a year for some of them to truly become comfortable?    YES    NO

- Are you agreeable to returning the pet to Dog Speed should, due to unforeseen circumstances, you are no longer be able to keep the pet?    YES    NO

- Do you realize that dogs can live to be 9-15 years of age or older, cats can live to over 20 yrs - are you committed to providing responsible care for that long?    YES    NO

If no, perhaps fostering might be an option - check out our website at:

[www.dogspeedanimalrescue.org](http://www.dogspeedanimalrescue.org)

- Is there anything else that you'd like to tell us about your family and its suitability to adopt a rescued pet? \_\_\_\_\_

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- How did you find out about this particular dog or Dog Speed? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Your comments, suggestions or questions: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## **Part V: References**

This section provides us with references, which we do contact. Again, if we don't know you, this is helpful in alleviating our concerns about the home our pet may be adopted to.

Please list three (3) references who can attest to your suitability as a pet owner, and more specifically, the owner of a rescue. These references should not be someone living within the home. Its preferable the last reference be a veterinarian who is familiar with you and your pets. If you've never had a pet before, please provide a third personal reference instead.

### **Reference #1:**

Name

Address

Home Phone & Cell

Email

### **Reference #2**

Name

Address

Home Phone & Cell

Email

### **Reference #3:**

Veterinary Clinic Name

Veterinarian

Address

Phone

Email



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All rescue pets will be examined by a vet, provided any required medical care, spayed/neutered, microchipped and vaccinated prior to adoption. In addition, puppies will be dewormed, given the appropriate vaccinations due for their age, and administered a round of Revolution.

There is an adoption fee for all our animals - often we have spent exceedingly more on vetting our rescues (see our Adoption Fees addendum for fee amounts and an explanation of where the fees go). We are a Not-for-profit Registered Canadian Charity - all our members are unpaid volunteers.

To learn more about our rescue, we invite you to visit our website at [www.dogspeedanimalrescue.org](http://www.dogspeedanimalrescue.org)

THANK-YOU for considering a rescue pet! Not only are you giving a wonderful life to an unwanted, homeless and possibly abused or neglected pet, you are also helping reduce the market for pets for sale. That will help shut down puppy mills where the atrocities and living conditions for those animals are horrific, and will also reduce the market for backyard breeders, most of whom breed solely for profit without concern for genetics or temperament. You are actually saving two animals - the one you are adopting and the next homeless animal who gets that new foster spot with Dog Speed!

I, the undersigned, attest that to the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete and I understand that falsely provided information can mean that my application may be rejected. I further attest that I am at least 18 years old and that no one in this household has been charged & convicted of animal neglect, abuse or cruelty.

.....  
Applicant name (please print)

.....  
Applicant Signature

.....  
Date of Application

### **THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY DOG SPEED:**

Specific animal Applicant interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific animal Applicant is interested in \_\_\_\_\_

Date Application received: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant contacted (date and by whom) \_\_\_\_\_

Ref Checks Completed: YES / NO

Home Check Completed: YES / NO

Vetting Completed YES/NO

If no, what remains to be done and when: \_\_\_\_\_