

DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in adopting a dog or puppy from Empty Cage Collective. The dogs available for adoption have been rescued from abandonment, abuse, neglect and other forms of cruelty. We want to ensure that the dog(s) you are adopting receive life-long care, as well as compassionate and respectful treatment. We want to ensure that the best possible home is found for the animals that have been entrusted into our care.

Things to Consider

The fact that you are looking at rescue dogs is a wonderful thing -- it is definitely the responsible, caring thing to do. But one should consider a few important things before filling out the adoption application:

- **Do you have time for a dog?**
Dogs need you to take care of them even when you are busy, tired, sick, and otherwise inconvenienced. Many of our dogs have ended up in a rescue home because their previous guardians did not take the time commitment seriously.
- **Are you prepared to deal with special problems that dogs can bring?**
Flea infestations, scratched-up furniture and doors, bathroom accidents from animals who are not yet housetrained, holes in the yard and gardens, and unexpected medical emergencies are unfortunate but common aspects of lives with dogs.
- **Is it a good time for you to adopt a dog?**
If you have small children less than six years old, or have any of these things occurring or might occur within the next six months, you may want to wait to adopt: marriage, divorce, move, death in the family, new job, lost job, etc. If you travel frequently or serve in the military, a dog might not be the best match. These are all common reasons why people bring in and surrender their dogs to shelters. Having a stable, settled lifestyle is best for dogs.
- **Will you be responsible?**
Dogs depend on their people for everything. You need to be able to provide the things they require every day of every year for the rest for their lives. This is a big responsibility.
- **Are you prepared to keep and care for the pet for the rest of his or her life?**
These dogs have already been given up once. It is our commitment to place them in safe, loving, forever-homes.

To be considered as an adopter, you must:

- Be 21 years of age or older.
- Have the knowledge and consent of your landlord (if applicable)
- Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide medical treatment and proper care of the dog.

Completion of this application does not guarantee adoption of an Empty Cages Collective dog.

Please answer all questions thoroughly. Thank you!

Name of applicant _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home, work, cell) _____

Email address _____

Will this be your first dog? _____

What kind of animal companions have you had in the past? _____

Which of these do you still have? (include age, sex, and breed) _____

Have they been spayed or neutered? _____

Are they current on vaccinations? _____

What happened to the animal companions you no longer have? _____

Have you ever turned a dog in to a shelter? _____

If yes, please explain _____

Have you ever had an animal companion euthanized? _____

If yes, please explain _____

If you have animal companions, will they adjust to a new dog in the house? _____

Was your last dog obedience trained? _____

How many adults live in your home? _____

How many children live in your home? _____ How old are the children? _____

Does any member of your household have an allergy to dogs? _____ If yes, who? _____

Is someone home during the day? _____ If yes, who? _____

How many hours of the day will the dog be without human companionship? _____

What is your current occupation? _____

Who is your current employer? _____

Does your job require extensive travel? _____

If your new dog is not housebroken, what method will you use to train him/her? _____

Will you keep the dog up to date on vaccinations? _____

If no, please explain _____

Who is your veterinarian? _____ phone: _____

Are you able and willing to exercise the dog on a regular basis? _____

If yes, method of exercise? _____

Where will the dog be during the day? _____

Where will the dog be at night? _____

If you go away for a few days, or on a vacation, who will take care of the dog? _____

If you move, will you take the dog with you? _____

If no, please explain: _____

Are you willing to take responsibility for this dog for the next 10 to 15 years? _____

If no, explain: _____

What provisions will you make for the dog should you become unable to care for him/her? _____

How much are you willing to spend on medical bills for your dog?

- Up to 100 dollars
- Up to 500 dollars
- Up to 1,000 dollars
- Up to 5,000 dollars
- Whatever it takes

What would you do if the vet bills went over this amount? _____



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blog: emptycagescollective.wordpress.com

Please provide three personal references:

1. Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Email _____

2. Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Email _____

3. Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Email _____

The above information is true and I authorize Empty Cages Collective to contact those references listed above. I understand that the completion of this form is the first step in the adoption process and doesn't necessarily guarantee adoption. ECC will have access to your home for dog delivery, which also serves as a home visit to ensure that a hazard-free home is provided. I agree to pay the non-refundable adoption donation of \$200. The adoption fee helps cover the cost of spay/neutering, vaccinations, deworming and treating for parasites.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please give this application to your ECC contact or email to adopt@emptycagescollective.org.