

CITY OF VANCOUVER ADOPTION APPLICATION

Please complete the following questionnaire in its entirety. Our main objective is to ensure full compatibility between you, your family and your new pet. Please return this questionnaire to the reception desk staff.

******Only successful parties will be contacted. Applications generally take 2 – 4 days to process.******

DATE DOG IS AVAILABLE: _____
DOG'S NAME, PIT # & BREED: _____
STAFF INITIALS: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Please provide a personal reference and **DAY time phone number** (preferably a VET if pet owner/co-worker/neighbour/pet sitter) **excluding** close friends/family members:

Ref 1: Name: _____ Relationship: _____ #: _____

Are you of legal age (19) or older to adopt this dog? Yes No

Which staff member showed you the dog? _____

HOME INFORMATION:

Do you own or rent your residence? Own Rent

If owned, do you have a strata contact? Yes _____ No

If you rent, landlord's name & phone number _____

How long have you resided at your current address? _____ Previous residence? _____

Is your residence a: Full House Apartment/Condo Suite in House Other _____

Do you have a completely fenced yard? Yes No

If so, list fence **height** and **type**: _____

If not completely fenced, how will the dog be contained?

Has everyone in your home (including any resident dogs) had an opportunity to spend time with this particular dog in the outside run areas?

Yes No

(Please be advised that we can NOT consider your application until everyone/resident dog has met this dog out in the play yards to ensure compatibility)

If you have a resident dog already, how did they get along? _____

Where will your dog spend most of its time when you ARE at home? (Please list all areas of the home/property)

Where will your dog spend most of its time when you are NOT at home? (Please list areas of the home/property) _____

What will your dog sleep on at night? _____

How many people reside in your household? _____

Relationship: Direct Family/Spouse Roommate Partner Other _____

How long will your dog be alone usually during the day? (on an AVERAGE basis) _____

Are there any children residing or visit regularly in your household? Yes No

If yes, what ages? _____ Have they met the dog? Yes No

How would you describe the current level of dog knowledge/training skills in your home?

- First Time Dog Owner/Novice:* never had a dog, had one as a child, owned one dog before that was easy to handle
- Intermediate:* owned a couple of dogs – did the housebreaking, can teach sit/stay/down, dealt with the “puppy stages” – chewing, jumping up etc
- Advanced:* experienced with more challenging dogs – strong leash pulling, selective with other dogs, separation anxiety, housebreaking issues

Why do you want to adopt a dog?

If you have owned dogs in the past ten years, please tell us about them: (breeds/training level/personalities): _____

Did you ever take any previous dogs to classes or a private trainer? Yes No

Where are those dogs now?

Did you ever have to rehome one of your previous pets? Yes No

If yes, why? _____

Please list your current pets:

Animal

Gender

Spayed/Neutered

If you have a resident cat already, how do you plan to introduce your newly adopted dog to your cat? _____

Which of the following best describes your lifestyle:

- Work long hours during week, mostly home at night/weekends*
- Work part time (less than 6 hours daily), moderate comings and goings*
- Busy household, changing work and home schedule (shift work)*
- Someone at home most or all of the time*

ADOPTION PROCESS:

Please tell us a little bit about why you chose this particular dog, and why you feel it is a good fit for your home?

Do you have any experience or done research on these breeds? Do you know about any special needs they might have?

How many dogs have you visited prior to selecting this one? _____

What type of personality or looks of a dog appeal to you? _____

CHOICE OF DOG

What existing level of training would most suit your household? Please check one:

- None to minimal (ex: want a dog that is trained already, housebroken, "ready made" pet)*
- Standard (ex: housebreaking, teach basic manners like walking on leash, sit/down, dealt with "puppy stages" – chewing, jumping up etc)*
- Above average (ex: strong leash pulling, selective with dogs, separation anxiety, housebreaking issues)*

Who would be responsible for the dog's training? _____

What challenges do you think you might face when adopting a new dog?

What diet/brand do you plan to feed your dog? _____

What types of vet care do you believe your pet will need on a yearly basis? _____

What type of grooming do you think this particular dog needs? _____

Would this dog need to visit a professional groomer? Yes No

If yes, how often? _____

DOG OWNERSHIP:

How would you know when you could take your dog off leash? _____

What kinds of behaviours/issues do you NOT want to deal with in a dog? _____

When your dog has done something wrong, like chewed your sofa when you were away, how would you punish them? _____

How would you fix the situation? _____

Can you describe how you would housebreak a dog? _____

What circumstances would make you consider rehoming your dog to a good home?

- Moving Arrival of new baby Change in lifestyle/not enough time for dog
 Dog is aggressive to other dogs Dog is too hard to handle (barks too much, jumps up, chews etc) Dog has too much energy Dog is aggressive to people

Who will be the primary caregiver of this dog and why? _____

Describe **honestly** your anticipated average **DAILY** household exercise level with your newly adopted dog:

- Easy going* – short leash walks, in yard for bathroom breaks and to play
 Depends on the day – 2 leash walks daily, plus more exercise like fetch, dog park, going out on nature trails evenings and weekends
 Athletic – 2 leash walks daily, with longer exercise sessions such as running, biking, hiking, dog classes, swimming several times a week

I confirm that all the information I have provided above is true and correct.

Signed (must be signed by the applicant): _____ Date: _____

***The City of Vancouver Animal Shelter reserves
the
right to refuse any application.***