

## MIDWEST DOG RESCUE NETWORK ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE



This application form is intended to be a guide to help you think of all the ways a new pet will impact your life. This is by no means meant to be a test that will be used to disqualify you from consideration for one of our pets. Please give some thought to each question below rather than automatically answering yes.

**Dog(s) you are applying for:**

**Date:**

**Your name:**

**Address:**

**Own: \_\_\_\_ Rent: \_\_\_\_**

**If you are renting your house or apartment, do they allow dogs?**

**If yes, do they have any breed or weight restrictions (please provide rental restrictions)?**

**Landlord Contact:**

**E-mail address:**

**Best phone number to reach you?**

**Your Profession (& your Spouse):**

**Please list family members & their ages:**

**Do you know if these children ever been around a dog before? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No**

**Anything we should know about your kid(s) and dogs?**

**Number of dog(s) *previously* owned:**

**Age of dog(s) when acquired:**

**Breed(s):**

**What happened to this/ these dogs?**

**Number of Dog(s) *currently* owned:**

**Age of dog(s) when acquired:**

**Age and breed(s) of your current dog(s):**

**Do you have other pets?**

**Temperament of your current dog(s):**

**Sex of your current pet(s):**

**Spayed/Neutered?**

**Is your pet licensed and current on vaccinations and heartworm prevention?**

**What do you feed your current pets and how often?**

**Describe what kind or how much exercising you provide your current dog(s)?**

**How many hours a day are you away from home?**

**Where will your dog be during this time?**

**Where will the dog sleep?**

**If you will be away for work or vacation, how will the dog be cared for?**

Do you have a fenced in yard? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No What kind of fence?

Crates and kennels can be a useful tool when a dog or puppy adjusts to a new environment. On what occasions do you plan to use a crate, and if so, for how long?

I am willing to accept a dog that is NOT housebroken. Yes \_\_\_\_\_, No \_\_\_\_\_

Even adult dogs that are housebroken in one home may need retraining in your home. Are you willing to deal with issues during the adjustment period, such as chewing, digging, mouthing, and housebreaking (including potty-training)?

Please explain how you will address these misbehaviors.

What other type of training do you intend for this dog?

For what reasons would you surrender an animal?

Do you have any experience with rescuing a homeless animal? If so, please describe:

Briefly explain why you have chosen to bring a new dog into the family & how ALL family members feel about it:

Describe your personality including hobbies or activities that you enjoy:.

**References:** Please provide the name and contact info of **VETERINARNS, groomers and/or dog trainers** you currently or previously have used. If you do not have one, please list another person willing to serve as a reference.

**Name of reference:**

**Your relationship with this person?**

**Address:**

**Phone number:**

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**Please initial below indicating that you have read and understand the statements below**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all dogs need (*at least*) yearly visits to the veterinarian and that it is my responsibility to provide the health and dental care they need as well as heartworm plus flea & tick preventative. Dogs that appear healthy and free of parasites upon adoption, may develop conditions that may need future veterinary care.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all dogs need monthly grooming including baths, brushing, ear cleaning and nail trimming. I understand that non-shedding dogs have hair that never stops growing so their hair will need to be trimmed more often. I am willing to take my dog to the groomer every 4-6 weeks if I can't do these things myself.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all dogs need to be a healthy weight and fed a well balance diet that includes high quality ingredients (low or no corn, wheat & soy) and be provided with toys/treats to prevent dental disease.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all dogs need mental as well as physical activity to be happy and avoid problem behaviors. This includes, and not limited to, daily walks, play groups, and positive reinforcement (reward-based) training. It is my responsibility to provide daily quality time/activities with my dog to promote bonding & trust and prevent problem behaviors from occurring.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that rescue dogs often come with an unknown history and therefore age, breed, health, and temperament are an estimate or "best guess" provided by veterinarians, foster parents, shelters or previous homes.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that rescue dogs often have been through a stressful situation and coming into a new home, even a good one, is another stressor. I am willing to be patient and positive with my new rescue dog.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for filling out this questionnaire. It will help us to place the proper dog with the appropriate owner. If you need more space, please attach additional sheets or write on the back of this form. If there are any facts that you feel we should know about concerning your desire to adopt one of our pets, please be sure and include them on an additional page.