



# New Beginnings and Forever Homes

*Canine Adoption Application*

NBFH is selective in our placement to assure our rescued animals are in their adoptive homes for the remainder of their lifetimes. Applications are usually processed within two business days; however, it can take up to four days depending on when we can get a hold of your veterinarian and references.

Incomplete Applications Will Not be Processed

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Adoption Questionnaire;

1) What type of home do you live in?

Own Home - Rented Home - Rented Apartment - Own Condo- Rented Condo – Other

2) We WILL NOT approve an application that we cannot verify landlord permission.

Landlords name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

3) How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months

4) Do you have any plans on moving? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes when? \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do with your animal(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

5) How many adults in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

6) If you have children is this their first experience with a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

7) Are any people in your home nervous or apprehensive of any type of dog? \_\_\_\_\_

8) How will your dog be kept when outside?

Fenced Yard - Stationary Tie Out - Loose - Leash Walked – Invisible Fence

9) Where will the dog be kept inside your home? \_\_\_\_\_

10) What is the noise and activity level in your home?

Quiet/ Very Few Visitors                      Moderate / Some Visitors Coming and Going

Active/ Frequent Visitors                      Very Active/ Lots of noise and visitors

11) Is everyone in your home aware that you are adopting? \_\_\_\_\_

12) Does anyone have allergies to any animals? \_\_\_\_\_

13) Under what circumstances might you decide not to keep a pet?

Moving - New Baby - Divorce – New Job - Illness -Allergies - Problems with pets' health or behavior

14) Have you ever surrendered any animal to a shelter/animal control or humane society before?

(if yes please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

15) Why do you want to adopt a dog? (Circle all that apply)

Family Companion - Watch/Guard Dog - Companion For Other Pet(s) - Gift

16) Please list pets you have Now at home; Breed, age, name are they spayed or neutered?

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

17) List all pets you have had in the past 5 years and why you no longer have them.

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

18) How often do you plan on taking your dog to the veterinarian?

When They Are Sick/Injured - Yearly Exam and Vaccinations - Only if necessary

19) Veterinarian Name, address and phone number

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\*please contact your vet, so we may obtain information on your animals, past and present

20) What is your experience with dogs?

First Time Dog Owner - Had One or Two – Experienced Owner

Experienced with abused and neglected dogs – Experienced "special need" Dogs

21) Many dogs will need to be kept up on their housebreaking habits, are you able to housetrain?

\_\_\_\_\_ \* I do not want a dog that is not housebroken. \_\_\_\_\_

22) Are you willing to pursue further training with your dog, especially if it is advised? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, How; \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \* I Do Not Want a Dog That Needs Training

23) Many times, a dog can develop destructive behavior, especially when poorly exercised and unstimulated. How would you plan on correcting this behavior?

Return the Dog - Increase Exercise – Yell – Consult a trainer – Physical correction

24) Please list at least 2 references we can contact.

Name and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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**\* Please read these statements carefully and initial if you agree to each**

- A) I agree to contact NBFH with an update on my adopted canine 7-12 days after adoption. NBFH agrees to be there for any concerns or issues that you may have with your dog. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_
- B) I understand that NBFH has the right to deny any application. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_
- C) I understand that canine traits could change upon adoption and I take responsibility to care and address these issues if they do arise. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_
- D) I agree to make a Veterinary appointment to introduce my dog to my veterinarian, and to address any medical issues or concerns immediately. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_
- E) I agree to provide further training for my adopted canine, especially if it is recommended to do so. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_
- F) I agree NOT to Dock Tail or Crop Ears. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_
- G) I also understand that anything could happen in life, and if I find that I am no longer able to care for my adopted dog, *I agree to contact NBFH by phone or email to discuss return.* All canines adopted through NBFH must be returned.  
*No Canine adopted through NBFH can be given away or sold* **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*We suggest that every dog, regardless of their age be taken for obedience training outside the home, as we believe that each rescued dog is always in need of training with the new owner for the purpose of bonding and adapting to the new house rules and a communication system that allows the dog to be successful in their new home.*

**When you acquire a pet:**

You accept responsibility for the health and welfare of another living thing. You are also responsible for your pet's impact on your family, friends, and community. A pet will be part of your life for many years. Invest the time and effort necessary to make your years together happy ones. When you choose a pet, you are promising to care for it for its entire life.

**Choose wisely, keep your promise, and enjoy one of life's most rewarding experiences!**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_