

# MASSACHUSETTS HUMANE SOCIETY

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## ADOPTION APPLICATION/AGREEMENT for DOG/PUPPY

**Please note, once this contract is approved and signed by all parties it is legal and binding.**

Thank you for considering to adopt a dog/puppy. This form is designed to assist you in selecting a dog or puppy that is suitable for you, your family and your lifestyle. Our goal is to find a loving, responsible and PERMANENT home for the dog/puppy in our care.

Adoption Fee: Adult - \$225.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (includes young dogs)  
Adoption Fee: Puppy - \$175.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Altered: Y\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_  
Spay/Neuter Deposit: - \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Puppies)

\*Once you mail proof that your puppy was spayed or neutered you will get your deposit back.

### In order to be considered for adoption, you must:

- Be 18 years of age and have current identification on ALL heads of household.
- If you own your own home, must show proof of home ownership.
- Have the landlord's name and telephone number, if you rent.
- Understand that we must review and approve your application and then you will receive a telephone return call back.

(Optional) Interested In: (Dog's Name) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

(Home Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

(Work Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell Number) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do you live in a:  Single-family house  Multi-family house

Apt.  Condo/Duplex  Studio  Mobile home

Public housing  With parents  Student residence  Other

Do You: Rent  Own

If you rent, are animals allowed in your residence? Yes  No

Landlord's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address?: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to move in the near future: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you move in the future, what will you do with the dog?

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Who lives in your household?

List by name & relationship. (Also list children's ages).

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Is this dog for: Self \_\_\_\_\_ Someone Else \_\_\_\_\_ Gift \_\_\_\_\_

My dog(s) are primarily: Outdoor \_\_\_\_\_

Indoor \_\_\_\_\_

Both \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced in yard? \_\_\_\_\_ If not how will you take the dog/puppy outside. \_\_\_\_\_

I had/have had my dog (s) for how long?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Still Have? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

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What happened to your dog(s) if you no longer have them?

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Name of your veterinarian:

Telephone #:

Do you or anyone in your household have allergies to dogs?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

How will your new dog/puppy spend its days? *(check all that apply)*

Indoors  Basement  Garage  Porch  Yard  Outdoors  Other

How will your new dog/puppy spend its nights? *(check all that apply)*

Indoors  Your bedroom  Kitchen  Basement  Garage  Porch  
 Outdoors  Other

On average, how many hours each day will the dog/puppy be:

Alone: \_\_\_\_\_ With you & your family: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, what are your plans for caring for your dog/puppy while you are away?

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Please describe the activity level of your home:

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What are your hobbies and interests?

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What OTHER animals (besides dogs) have you owned in the past?

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE/BREED \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_ AGE/SEX\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Still own any? (If YES, please list names below).

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*(If no, please explain)*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand why we require all dog's to be spayed or neutered?

Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

I agree to get this puppy spayed or neutered at the appropriate time.

(if not already fixed). Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Initial if Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us why you would like to adopt a dog/puppy:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you have never owned a dog, please give the names of 2 references, friend or family member.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

How long of a period are you willing to allow for the dog/puppy to adjust to your home?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you could not keep this dog/puppy for any reason, what would you do?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you allow a member of the Mass Humane Society to do a home check?

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Dogs can live 10 to 15 years, are you prepared to take responsibility for the dog's entire life? (Please consider issues such as moving, children, planning to have children, teenagers off to college, change in life style?) Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Often you may have to separate new pets from existing ones in order to introduce them in a gradual manner. Can this be done at your home & do you have the space to do this? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever brought a pet to a shelter? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please explain the circumstances.

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Many shelter animals have unknown medical histories, are you prepared to provide and pay for any necessary medical treatment that may occur in the future?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Will you use a crate for your dog? If so, for how long is the dog in the crate?

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Will you supply food and water in the crate? Is the crate door open or closed?

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**I agree that if I am no longer able to keep this dog/puppy for any reason that he/she must be returned to the Massachusetts Humane Society and is NOT to be given to a friend, family member or any other shelter/animal organization or Veterinary Animal Hospital.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**You will only get a call back, if you have been approved for the adoption of the animal. Unfortunately, we do not have the manpower to call each and every applicant back. Thank you !!**

**We will discuss the following:**

- **Adjustment to new home.**
- **Identification.**
- **House Breaking.**
- **Dog General Training Classes.**
- **Dog Obedience / Behavioral Training Classes.**
- **Best Choice of Toys.**
- **Best Choice of Chewing Bones.**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?**

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I UNDERSTAND AND I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IS TRUE AND THAT I RECOGNIZE THAT ANY MISREPRESENTATION OF FACTS MAY RESULT IN MY LOSING THE PRIVILIGE OF ADOPTING A DOG/PUPPY. I UNDERSTAND THAT A MEMBER OF MASSACHUSETTS HUMANE SOCIETY HAS THE RIGHT TO DENY MY REQUEST TO ADOPT A DOG OR PUPPY AND MAY MAKE AN UNSCHEDULED VISIT TO CHECK ON THIS DOG/ PUPPY. I AUTHORIZE INVESTIGATION OF ALL STATEMENTS ON THIS APPLICATION.**

Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

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*"I hereby swear, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the information I have provided above is true, and to the best of my knowledge and belief".*

**\$10.00 of this adoption fee will be allocated towards "Shelter Maintenance."**

**Thank You and BEST WISHES!**