



Application to Adopt a Companion Animal

Instructions: Please thoroughly read and complete this application. Once you have signed it, please return it to us at the mailing address, email address or fax number listed below. The information you provide in this Application and during our interview will assist us in finding you the best companion animal match.

Adoption Fees: Dogs (> 6 months): \$150.00
 Puppies (< 6 months): \$200.00

Cats (> 6 months): \$80.00 or two for \$140.00
 Kittens (< 6 months): \$120.00 or two for \$200.00

For further information on what services are included in the adoption fees, please visit our website.

Name		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Home phone		
Work/Cell phone		
Email		
Are you over the age of 18 years?	Yes	No
<u>Name</u> of animal you wish to adopt:	Dog:	Cat:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

How long have you been looking for a companion animal?					
Have you visited local shelters? Which ones?					
How did you learn about us?					
Why are you looking to adopt an animal? Highlight as many as apply:	Security	Companion	Company for other animal	Gift	
	Other: _____				
Why do you prefer the specific breed/mix in which you are interested?					
Have you had an animal of this breed/mix before?					
What activity level are you looking for? (highlight or bold one)	Low	Moderate	High		
If adopting a dog, do you plan to obedience train him/her?					
What is the maximum amount of time the animal would be left alone each day?					
Where will the animal predominantly stay? (highlight or bold one)	Indoors	Crated	Outdoors	Combination	
Please list other animals in your household.	Type of Animal	Age	Sex	Spayed/Neutered?	Indoor/Outdoor
Have you ever declawed your cats?					
Do your animals have any behavioral or medical concerns? If yes, please explain.					
Who will be primarily responsible for the animal's care?					
Have you ever surrendered an animal to a shelter or anyone else?					
What will you do if your animal develops behavioral concerns?					

Are there any behaviors that your animal could have that would cause you to not be able to remain his/her guardian?	
Where will your animal stay while you are on vacation or traveling?	

HOUSING AND FAMILY INFORMATION

What is your living situation: Do you own, rent, or lease?	House	Apartment	Condo
	Own	Rent*	Lease
	*A copy of your rental agreement or authorization from landlord will be required to adopt		
Do you have a yard? Is it securely fenced? What is the height of the fence?			
How long have you lived at your current address?			
Number of people within your household:	Adults:	Teenagers:	Children:
What are the teenagers & children's ages?			
Are all members of your household in favor of adopting this animal?	Yes	No	In discussion
Is anyone in your household allergic to animals, or asthmatic?	Yes	No	Possibly
Does anyone in the household smoke?	Yes	No	On occasion
Are you currently employed?			
Please provide the name of your employer and length of employment:			
Is your spouse or partner currently employed?			

Are you aware that dogs and cats should always wear I.D. tags, and that dogs must be currently licensed and wear that license tag at all times? Yes No

Are you aware that, after the initial investment, the average cost of feeding and caring for a companion animal can be \$1,000 per year (or more) for dogs and \$500 per year (or more) for cats? Yes No

Are you prepared to make a commitment to a lifetime relationship with this animal that could last between ten and twenty years? Yes No

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand and further agree that any adoption made on the basis of this questionnaire is null and void if any of these statements are untrue. I understand that completion of this application does not guarantee adoption and that Contra Costa Humane Society reserves the right to deny adoption of any animal based on the welfare of the animal.

Date: _____

Applicant signature: _____

Applicant name (print): _____