



Date _____ Which dog are you interested in? _____

Nobody specific? List pet preferences: _____

You must be at least 21 years old and not a full time student to adopt. Only COMPLETE applications including supporting documents will be processed. Please answer every question or use N/A for non-applicable questions. We will hold APPROVED applications for 3 months, you must request an extension if you are still looking after that time.

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

How did you hear about our adoption program? _____

Email: _____ Employer: _____ Length of Employment? _____

List all other Adults in the household: _____

List all children **& age** in the household: _____

Do you have children who visit or live next door? _____ If yes, what ages? _____

Do you currently *own rent live with parent/Guardian Other:* _____

What type of residence do you live in? *House Apartment Condo Mobile Home*

Applications cannot be processed until proof of homeownership (tax bill, mortgage statement, etc) or copy of lease/rental agreement is provided to FCHS.

How long have you lived at this address? _____ Do you plan to move within the next six months? _____

If you rent, who is your landlord? _____ Phone: _____

What is your home atmosphere like? *Grand Central Station Some Activity Zen-like Other:* _____

Do you have a completely fenced in yard? _____ What kind? _____ How high? _____

Do you have a dog door? _____ Do you have stairs? _____ How many? _____

Are there times when the dog will be tied up? _____ Will the dog spend any time in the garage? _____

If yes to either, please explain _____

Do you have a pool? _____ Is it fenced in? _____ May we come for a swim? _____

Please list ALL pets you currently own or have owned in the past 5 years ...

Name	Breed	Age	Sex (S/N)	In/Outdoor?	Still Own/Where are they now?
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Are your pets up-to-date on vaccines? _____ Have they ever been to a rabies clinic? _____

Who is your Veterinarian? _____ Phone: _____

***Did you know a basic annual exam with vaccinations can cost well over \$100.00? An emergency visit can even be \$500.00, not including the everyday food, care, and love your dog will require. Are you prepared for this?** _____

How much are you willing to spend on vet bills? *up to \$100 up to \$500 up to \$1000 Up to \$5000 whatever it takes*

What would you do if the vet bills go over this amount? _____

What's your dog experience as an adult? *First time* *Have had one or two* *Knowledgeable & Experienced* *Professional*

How long have you been thinking about adopting? _____ Is the whole household "on board"? _____

Why a *shelter* dog? _____

What are you looking for in a dog? *a running partner* *my little shadow* *my babysitter* *to pick up dates in the park* Other: _____

How long do you intend to keep this dog? _____

What have you done to prepare for this dog? _____

Have you ever had to find a new home for one of your animals? _____

If yes, explain here: _____

If you become ill, disabled or deceased, who will care for your pet? _____

If you drive a pickup truck, would you allow the dog to ride in the back? _____

If you go away for a few days, or on vacation who will take care of the dog? _____

In the event you need to move/relocate, are you willing to find a place that will allow your animals? _____

If No, what will you do with your pets? _____

How many hours will the dog be left alone daily? _____

Where will your dog be kept while you are away? *Free-roaming* *Inside* *Crated inside* *Outside* *Other* _____

When the dog is outside where will it be kept? *Fenced Yard* *Tied* *Runner* *Loose (supervised or not)*

How much exercise can you provide your dog? _____ How will you do this? _____

How are you planning to socialize your dog with people? _____

Other animals? _____

How do you plan to housebreak your dog? _____

How will you deal with chewing? _____

Are you willing to take your dog to obedience training if needed? _____

**This could cost a minimum of \$50 for one visit or \$150 for a class*

Are you willing to take FULL responsibility for this dog for the next 10, 15 or even 20 years? _____

Under what conditions would you **not** keep your new pet? _____

*Your pet will need time to adjust to you and its new surroundings. During this period you may discover one or more of the following behaviors: Housebreaking Difficulty and/or Marking Territory, Destructive Behavior, Aggression, Fearful Behavior, High Activity Level, etc. Should you encounter any of these problems with your new pet, are you **willing and able** to patiently follow guidelines as suggested by FCAR and calmly take the actions necessary to correct the problem? _____

For instance, you may have to consult a Veterinarian to rule out the possibility of underlying physical problems or need to consult a behavior expert and/or taking your dog to obedience training classes.

My signature gives permission for my veterinarian to release all information requested by FCAR pertaining to any animals I currently own or have owned in the past. (Some Vets may require the owner to contact them directly to disclose this information) **My signature also gives permission to contact my landlord. I understand that any falsehood on my part is the basis for automatic disapproval of the adoption, or repossession of the adopted animal.**

Applicant's Signature

Date



Thank you for submitting an application to adopt a dog!

We are very pleased that you have chosen FCAR to find your new family member!

Please read the following important information on the next steps in this process.

- 🐾 We require a MINIMUM of 2 business days to process your *complete* application. Our business days are Tuesday – Saturday.
- 🐾 We will notify you when we have completed your application. If for some reason we are unable to approve your application at this time, we will explain to you why. If we approve your application, continue reading...
- 🐾 Applications that are “approved” indicate we believe you will be a great adopter! HOWEVER it is NOT a guarantee for a specific dog or puppy. We make every attempt to match you with the dog that you are interested in but sometimes we have multiple applications on the same animal.
- 🐾 We will hold approved applications for 3 months to help you find the best match possible. If you are still looking after the 3 month period, we kindly request that you let us know to keep your application on file.
- 🐾 All household members MUST *come to the shelter* to meet the dog before a specific animal will be approved.
- 🐾 Once you’ve been approved for a specific dog you will be required to do a 7-10 day HOME VISIT before adoption is finalized. PICK-UPS for Home Visits are done by APPOINTMENT ONLY.
- 🐾 If all goes well during the Home Visit, the last step is to ADOPT! You can bring your new family member with you, but it is not necessary. We do also request that finalizing the adoption be done by APPOINTMENT ONLY.