



**WINCHENDON ~ TEMPLETON
ANIMAL CONTROL**
80 Central Street
Winchendon, MA 01475
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ADOPTION APPLICATION

Date:	Home Phone:
Name:	Business Phone:
Address:	Cell Phone:
City, State & Zip:	Email Address:

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT ENTIRELY

SIGNATURE IS ONLY NECESSARY WHEN THE ADOPTION IS FINALIZED

1.) Which dog (name please) or type of dog (breed, size, age, sex, etc.) are you interested in?

2.) Where did you hear about or see the dog you wish to adopt?

___ Saw on the Internet on Petfinder (www.petfinder.com)

___ Newspaper Ad

___ Friend Told Me

___ Other (explain) _____

3.) Why do you want to adopt a dog?

4.) Are there children at home?

Yes or No

If yes what are their ages?

Please describe their interactions and experiences with dogs:

5.) Do you own your own home or rent?

Own or Rent

6.) If you rent, do you have written permission from the landlord to have a dog?
(NOTE: You will need to provide a signed letter at the time of adoption.)

Yes or No

Landlord Name and Telephone Number (please print clearly):

7.) What kind of pets have you owned in the last 10 years and where are they now?

8.) Do you have other pets at home? Yes or No

____# Of dogs and/or ____# of cats

What breed is the other dog(s)? Name of Dog(s) Male or Female

9.) If your pet is an “only pet”, how do you think your pet will respond to a new pet?

10.) Have you ever introduced a new pet into your household? Yes or No

How did you go about doing this?

11.) Have you ever given a pet up for adoption? Yes or No

If YES: When:_____

Reason:_____

How did you place the pet?

12.) If you owned a dog in the past, what did you like most about pet ownership?

What did you like least?

13.) What is your Work Schedule?

How much company will the dog have during the day?

14.) Where will this dog be kept when someone is home? (Please check all that apply)

___Dog Run ___Kennel ___Crate ___House ___Dog House ___Fenced Yard ___Loose Outside

15.) If you have a fenced-in yard or area, how high is the fence and what is it made of? (chain link, Stockade)?

16.) Where will this dog be kept when no one is home? (Please check all that apply)

___Dog Run ___Kennel ___Crate ___House ___Dog House ___Fenced Yard ___Loose Outside

17.) How will you exercise the dog?

18.) Do you have experience with crate training? Yes Yes or No
(We strongly recommend crate training, especially for puppies)

19.) Have you ever taken a dog to obedience training? Yes or No

Would you be willing to do this? Yes or No

We strongly recommend obedience training, to develop a bond between you and your pet, as well as minimize problems with other dogs, children, etc.

20.) If you currently have a dog or cat, it is neutered/spayed Yes or No

Up To Date on current Vaccinations? Yes or No

Have you neutered/spayed the other dogs that you've owned Yes or No

Do you understand that you are required to neuter/spay
This dog (if not already done)? Yes or No

If No – Why is This?

21.) Is your current dog on heartworm preventive? Yes or No

22.) Is your dog currently licensed in the City/Town you reside in? Yes or No

Town/City Hall Phone Number

23.) Do you have a Vet now? Yes or No

NAME: _____

TOWN: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

24.) Have you used any other Vets in the past? Yes or No

NAME: _____

TOWN: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

25.) Please give at least 3 references that can be contacted (NON FAMILY PLEASE), Name, Address, City – State and Phone Number and LENGTH OF TIME having known this Person:

1.) _____

2.) _____

3.) _____

26.) In general: Please describe the perfect dog for you. What characteristics are really important to you?

27.) Are you Active; Are you in and out a lot; are there a lot of people/children around, do you have a relatively quiet schedule, few visitors, etc?

28.) What personality in a dog would best fit your family's needs and lifestyle?

NOTE: We require a \$100.00 - \$500.00 non-refundable adoption fee for our dogs to help defray the cost of their care. In addition, owning a dog requires other expenses. We estimate the annual cost of veterinary care, with one exam, shots, heartworm preventative, and treatment for at least one condition, to be at least \$100.00 per year.

Are you aware of these costs and prepared to cover them?

YES or NO

Terms of Adoption

My signature below indicates that I am at least 21 years of age and intend to be the legal owner and the person responsible for the care and wellbeing of any pet I adopt from Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control. By signing this application, I give representatives of the Town of Winchendon/Templeton permission to contact my veterinarian, landlord, or other rescue groups/human societies for information to aid in the evaluation of whether this pet is appropriate for me. I understand that any misrepresentation of the true facts in this application will invalidate the adoption agreement and give the Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control the right to reclaim the dog without refund of the adoption fee.

By signing this application, I agree to a “meet and greet” between all persons and animals that reside in my household and the animal I am seeking to adopt before the application is approved. I agree that the Town of Templeton, the Town of Winchendon and any of their representatives are not responsible nor liable for any injuries that may occur to my family members or pets during said “meet and greet”.

Cost: The Adoption Fee is ranges from \$100.00 - \$500.00 which is non-refundable. Contributions beyond the adoption costs are not mandatory. Any donations received will be put towards our spay/neuter assistance program and the extended care of our homeless Animals until they are placed. Your donations are sincerely appreciated.

Medical: I understand that this dog has been given certain basic inoculations and other Medical treatment for problems that the Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control is aware of and can treat before adoption. The dog that I am adoption is accepted by me "as is." I agree to provide yearly checkups, shots, and heartworm prevention. I understand that the Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control makes no representations or warranties regarding the current or future medical condition of the dog and it not responsible for additional medical care for the dog. While most dogs are provided neutered or spayed, if I have adopted a dog that has not been neutered or spayed, I agree to prevent the dog from mating and to have the dog neutered/spayed within 30 days and send a copy of the certificate to the Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control, address above.

Temperament: I understand that the dog may have not been evaluated in a home setting and that the Town of Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control makes no representations or warranties regarding the dog's Behavior with adults, children or other animals, or provide other guarantees as to the dog's characteristics, personality or training. I understand and agree that Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control and any of its representatives are not responsible for Any Injuries or property damage resulting from the possession or ownership of this dog.

Care: As this dog's new owner, I agree to provide the training required to ensure a secure and respectful dog/owner relationship. I will not let the dog run free without supervision, be chained out all day or night, be around children under 14 years of age without adult supervision, ride loose in the back of an open truck, or remain unattended in any vehicle when the temperature is over 70 degrees Fahrenheit. I will license the dog in the town I live and tag the dog for identification purposes.

Adoption Termination:

If for any reason, the adoption is not satisfactory for the dog or adoptive owner, Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control requires that ***THE DOG BE RETURNED***, at the adoptive owner's expense, to Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control. The dog may ***NOT*** be sold or given to a new owner without Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control prior written approval. Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control reserves the right to take back the dog if it is ever neglected, abused or improperly cared for. I agree to relinquish custody immediately upon request without the need for further legal written or court order. I agree to promptly contact the Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control if the dog is lost for more than 24 hours.

I, on behalf of myself and all persons resident in the household where _____ [dog's name] will reside, hereby accept possession of the title to _____ [dog's name] and responsibility for the animal identified above and hereby release, indemnify and discharge Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control, and its officers, employees and agents, forever from and against any liability for any injury or damage to any person or property caused in the future by this adoption, or by said dog, and from and against any causes of action, suits or demands whatsoever that may arise as a result of such injury or damage.

Signature

Date

Winchendon/Templeton Animal Control

ACO Signature

Date