



**Save Our Shelter - Pen Pals
Adoption Application**
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Save Our Shelter (SOS) is committed to finding permanent, responsible, and loving homes for its rescue animals. Save Our Shelter reserves the right to adopt to homes it deems suitable for the animal based on the applicant(s) history and factors including: temperament, family, lifestyle, yard and housing needs. Please be aware that the adoption process may take several weeks, and that other people may also submit an application for the same animal. Completion of this application does not obligate you in any way or guarantee the adoption of an SOS Pen Pals dog or puppy. Home visits may be requested and follow-up visits may occur. Please complete all the following questions to the best of your knowledge.

Name of animal(s) you are interested in: _____

Who is the pet for? Self ____ Family ____ Children ____ Gift (for whom?) _____ What size pet are you looking for? _____ What kinds of breeds interest you? _____
Please check off the temperament and activity level you are seeking in a dog: Quite ____ Lap Dog ____ Athletic/high energy ____ Mellow ____ Very Affectionate ____ Fun-Loving ____ Therapy Dog ____
Other (please explain) _____

Why is this a good time to adopt? _____

Your Information

Your Name _____ E-mail Address _____
Spouse/Partner Name _____ E-mail Address _____
Home Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip ____
Your Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Spouse/Partner Work Phone _____ Spouse/Partner Cell Phone _____
Are you (or both) over the age of 21? _____ Are you/either a student? _____ Year _____

Employment Information

Your occupation _____ Hours of work, including commuting _____
Employer _____ Employer's Address _____
Spouse/Partner occupation _____ Hours of work, including commuting _____
Employer _____ Employer's Address _____

Family information

Do you live alone? ____ Live with family? ____ Number of adults in the household ____ Number of Children ____
Children(s) ages/gender _____ (please include visiting grandchildren)
How are the children with dogs? _____
Have there been any problems with the children and dogs? If yes, please explain _____

Who will be the primary care-giver for your new dog/puppy? _____
Does anyone in your household have an allergy to animal hair/dander? _____
Is this the first dog for you and/or your family? _____
Are all the adults in your household aware that you are adopting a dog? _____

Residential Information

What type of housing do you have? Detached ____ Townhouse ____ Condo ____ Apartment ____

Other, please describe _____

Do you: Own ____ Rent ____ . If renting, what is your Landlord's policy on pets? _____

_____ Are there any restrictions? _____

Please provide your Landlord's name and phone number _____

Do you have a completely fenced-in yard? Please describe the type and height _____

Do you plan on installing a fence? If yes, please describe: _____

Where will the dog be kept during the day when you are at work? _____

Crated _____ Free roam of the house _____ In an outside pen _____

Kept in the yard _____ Doggie Play School _____ Other _____

Will you make arrangements for a midday break if you are away more than 5-6 hours daily? _____

Will you make arrangements with a pet sitter? _____

Where will the dog be kept at night? _____

What type of exercise will you give the dog? How often? _____

Other Animals in the Household

Do you have any animals now? Please describe all animals currently in the household:

Name _____ **Breed** _____ **Age** _____ **Gender** _____

Spayed/Neutered? _____ Current on vaccinations? _____

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Name and phone number of the veterinarian _____

How will you introduce the new pet? _____

If you or members of your household previously had other animal(s) please complete:

Name _____ **Breed** _____ **Years owned** _____

Spayed/Neutered? _____ Where is the animal now? _____

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Spayed/Neutered? _____ Where is the animal now? _____

Please provide the contact information for the animal's veterinarian _____

Other information

Have you previously applied to adopt a dog, puppy, cat or kitten from any rescue organization or shelter?

If yes, when? _____ Which organization? _____

What was the result of your application? _____

Have you ever turned in any animal(s) to a rescue organization or to an animal shelter? If yes, please explain _____

Have you ever been reported to an animal shelter? _____ If yes, please explain _____

Have you or anyone in your family or household been charged with animal cruelty or neglect or failed to provide adequate veterinary care to animals living in your household? If so, please explain _____

SOS expects that you are going to make a lifelong commitment to this animal. Are you planning on making any major lifestyle changes (moving, marriage, new baby?) What will you do with the dog? _____

Are you willing to take responsibility for this dog for the next 10- 15 years? _____

What provisions will you make for the dog should you become unable to care for it? _____

How did you hear about SOS Pen Pals and this animal? _____

Are you aware that routine vet expenses can range between \$150 - \$200/year? _____

Are you aware that dogs need monthly heartworm preventative? _____

What behavior problems would you find unacceptable and how would you deal with them should this pet exhibit these behaviors? _____

Do you know your local ordinances pertaining to licensing, rabies, vaccinations and leash laws? _____

Additional notes or comments: _____

I understand that, if approved, I agree to the following: (1) I am taking full responsibility for the health and well being of any SOS Pen Pals dog, and shall make annual appointments with my veterinarian to have the dog examined, tested, and vaccinated on schedule, and provide any and all medical treatment at my own expense; (2) I also understand that I will be responsible for licensing any SOS Pen Pals dog in accordance with any county/city regulations; (3) I agree not to allow any SOS Pen Pals dog to run loose outside; (4) I further understand that the actions of animals are often unpredictable, that dogs should be closely supervised when they are with children, that an animal's behavior may change once it accustoms itself to a new environment, and that Save Our Shelter cannot guarantee the health, temperament or mental disposition of any SOS Pen Pals dog; (5) I understand that any adoption of a SOS Pen Pals dog is a life-long commitment, and that with proper care and medical treatment any SOS Pen Pals dog could live 15 or more years, and that I am willing to take on the responsibility of caring for this animal; (6) I will assume all risks of ownership of any SOS Pen Pals dog, including any and all liability for damage or injury caused by or to the animal; and (7) that I will contact Save Our Shelter if I am no longer able to provide care for, or keep, any SOS Pen Pals dog I may adopt.

By signing below, I give my permission to Save Our Shelter to contact my veterinarian to obtain information concerning past and present pets, and to contact any other references I have provided. I certify that the information I have given is true and accurate, and I also recognize that any misrepresentations of facts or my refusal to sign this agreement may result in my losing the privilege of adopting a SOS Pen Pals dog. I understand that Save Our Shelter has the right to deny my request to adopt a dog for any reason. I authorize investigation and verification of all statements in this adoption application.

Prospective Adopters:

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please e-mail, fax or mail this application to the contact information listed on page one of this application.
The SOS Pen Pals adoption fee is \$250.00