



Adoption Policy

Hope's Rescue maintains a listing of their adoptable animals on www.petfinder.com. If you are interested in adopting a pet, please complete the following steps:

1. Contact Hope's Rescue to request an application.
2. A fenced yard is required for all adoptions. **There will be no exceptions to this requirement.**
3. The Adoption Committee will review applications.
 - a. Veterinarian checks will be completed.
 - b. Compatibility assessment will be conducted.
 - c. Final selections made.
4. Pre-placement visitation will be scheduled.
5. Home visit will be scheduled.
6. Final placement.

What Each Applicant Should Know

Hope's Rescue dogs, unless otherwise stated, come with age appropriate vaccines, sterilization, and have been deemed healthy by a licensed veterinarian. However, we cannot guarantee the future health of any of our animals (it would be like you asking your doctor to offer a guarantee that you will never come down with heart disease or cancer later in life.) Those guarantees just cannot be made.

Submitting an application does not obligate you to adopt, nor does it guarantee that the animal will be adopted to you. Hope's Rescue does **not** work on a first come / first serve basis. We collect applications on the animal in question and make our best determination on where we think the animal will do best.

We cannot guarantee the age and breed of our rescue dogs. We depend on our vets and other professionals to help us make the best determination regarding the breed and age of all our dogs, unless, in an unusual circumstance, we have some written documentation that has accompanied the dog from the shelter.

Hope's Rescue reserves the right to deny any application without explanation.

While Hope's Rescue makes every effort to process new applications as soon as possible, it may take up to 5 days to fully process your application. The volunteers at Hope's Rescue work full-time jobs and we do our volunteer work during our lunch hours, evenings and weekends. We cannot always reply immediately to an application that has been placed.

Together, a small group is making a BIG difference in the lives of the dogs we rescue and the homes we place them with.



Adoption Application

Name (include husband / wife, if married): _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State & Zip Code: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Place of Employment: _____
Work Hours: _____
Husband / Wife's Place of Employment, if married: _____
Work Hours: _____
Is anyone home during the day? Yes No Is anyone home at night? Yes No

A successful adoption depends on both the selection of the right pet for your household, as well as the understanding of his / her individual care taking needs. So that we may assist you with this selection, please answer the following questions as completely as possible. Thank you.

Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent Type of dwelling: _____
Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No
Please indicate type: Wood Privacy (6') Wood (4') Chain Link (4', 5', 6')
Dimensions (length x width): _____ Approximate size of yard: _____

How many adults are in your household: _____ How many children are in your household? _____
Ages and genders of children: _____

How do other family members feel about getting an animal? _____

Is anyone in the home allergic to dogs? _____

Which animal on our "available for adoption" page are you interested in? _____
Why do you want to adopt this animal? _____

Please initial that you understand and agree that adoption is predicated upon your having a fence or some other similar outdoor confinement area on your property and that at no time will you ever tie, stake, chain the animal in any way to any fixed or growing object or attach the animal to an overhead pulley or runner system; neither will you allow the animal at any time to run free outside a fenced or otherwise confined area. If you do not have a fenced area, a strict leash-walking commitment is required. Initials: _____

How many animals have you owned in the last 3 years? Include those that you currently own:

Dog _____ Cat _____ Other _____

			Spayed / Neutered?	Still Own?
Breed: _____	Owned for: _____	Age: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Breed: _____	Owned for: _____	Age: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Breed: _____	Owned for: _____	Age: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If you no longer have some or all of these animals, please explain what happened to them. _____

New Pet Information

How long have you been looking for a pet? _____

What will you feed your new pet? _____ How often will you feed your new pet? _____

How much time are you prepared to allow for your new pet to adjust to your home? _____

Are you able to afford a bill of \$200 - \$800 (or more) for emergency veterinary care? Yes No

How much do you expect to spend on maintenance for your pet in a year? _____

Are you committed to providing a responsible home for your pet's entire life? (15+ years) Yes No

If you move, what do you plan to do with your pet(s)? _____

Who in the household will be the dog's primary caregiver? _____

When you are out of town, who will be the dog's primary caregiver? _____

In case of emergency, who will care for your dog? _____

Where will the dog be kept during the day? _____

Where will the dog be kept during the night? _____

How many times per day do you plan to take your dog outside? _____

How do you plan to housetrain your dog? _____

How many hours per day will your dog be left alone? _____

What would you do if your dog develops a problem with the following?

Digging: _____

Barking: _____

Chewing: _____

Separation Anxiety: _____

Aggression: _____

Are you established with a veterinarian? Yes No

If yes, who is your vet? _____ Phone Number: _____

Do you know what heartworm disease is and how to prevent it? Yes No

Is your current dog(s) or was your previous dog(s) on heartworm prevention medication? Yes No

How do you plan to prevent fleas and ticks? _____

Do you have an ID tag (other than a rabies tag) bearing your phone number on your pets? Yes No

Are you willing to keep a collar and ID tag on all of your pets, including a new dog, at all times? Yes No

Have your dog(s) been microchipped? Yes No

Under what circumstances would you consider giving up a dog?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving | <input type="checkbox"/> New baby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not getting along with other pets | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting out of your fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children lost interest | <input type="checkbox"/> If it gets too big |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shedding | <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housebreaking problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive behavior | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain below): |
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Have you ever given up a dog or had a dog for a brief period of time and it didn't work out? Yes No

If so, please explain the circumstances and what happened to the dog. _____

Have you ever looked at or applied for a pet with another rescue group? Yes No

If yes, how long ago? _____ Did you adopt? Yes No Please explain below: _____

If you are unable to keep your dog for any reason at any time, will you return the dog to us? Yes No

If you date or marry someone who does not like or want your pets, what would you do? _____

If your pet later develops a medical problem that becomes expensive, what would you do?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Find him / her another home | <input type="checkbox"/> Pay whatever it takes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Euthanize the dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Surrender to a shelter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surrender to a rescue group | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain below): |
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If your pet develops a frequent urination problem at **the age of 12, and cannot hold it when left alone**, what would you do?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Euthanize the dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Gate the dog where flooring is not carpeted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surrender to a rescue group | <input type="checkbox"/> Surrender to a shelter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Put in a doggie door | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain below): |
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If you are considering a longhaired breed, will the dog be professionally groomed? Yes No

How did you hear about Hope's Rescue?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PetFinder | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral from another group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain below): |
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All of the information I have provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete. I understand that falsifying answers on this application, or at any other time during the adoption process, disqualifies me from adoption.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If application is online, please type in name.)

Please return this completed and signed application to: shelly@bamalegal.com