

Today's Date: _____

Animal ID#/Name _____



Dog Adoption Questionnaire

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____
 E-mail address: _____

STAFF/VOLUNTEER USE ONLY
 ID Verified _____
 Proof Shown: Own _____ Rent _____
 Database Checked _____
 Time Spent with Dog _____
 Everyone Here _____

1. Do you understand that your name and information will be checked in our system to confirm that you do not have any history of animal abuse, neglect, or irresponsible pet ownership? Yes ___ No ___
2. Are you 18 years or older (required)? No ___ Yes ___ (please be prepared to show valid ID)
3. Why do you want a dog? _____

4. Why did you select this particular dog? _____
5. How many people live in the home? ___ Adults ___ Children ___ Ages: _____
6. Are there children who visit the home regularly? Yes ___ No ___ Ages _____
7. How many other animals do you currently have? Dogs ___ Cats ___ Other _____
8. If you have dogs, what breeds? _____
9. Have you had dogs in the past? Yes _____ How many? _____ or No _____
10. If yes, what happened to them _____
11. Where will the dog stay during the day? Describe: _____

12. Where will the dog stay at night? Describe: _____

13. On average, how long will the dog be alone each day? _____
14. Where will the dog be kept when it is alone? _____
15. Do you have a yard? Yes ___ No ___ How high is the fence around yard? ___ Locked? ___
16. How will you exercise your dog? _____
17. Do you understand that your new dog may show unexpected and unwanted behaviors, such as destructive chewing, loud/excessive barking, dog aggression, separation anxiety and even signs of human aggression, when he/she becomes comfortable in your home? Yes ___ No ___
18. How will you handle behavior problems when they appear? _____

19. If you will use a dog trainer or attend dog training classes, list their information here:

18. This dog may not be housebroken. How will you houstrain the dog? _____
19. What is the name of the veterinarian to whom you will take your dog? _____
20. What would you do with the dog if something happened and you could no longer keep the dog?

21. How did you hear about Oakland Animal Services? _____

As a Responsible Dog Caretaker (Please read and initial each item)	Initial Here
• I will provide my dog with good care, including making sure my dog has appropriate food, water, shelter, veterinary care, exercise, toys and attention.	
• I will make sure my dog has a current rabies vaccination (after the age of four months), has a current license and wears a collar with current license tag attached.	
• I will register my dog’s microchip with the microchip company and notify Oakland Animal Services and that company if my address/phone number changes.	
• I will keep my dog on a leash in public areas and avoid taking my dog into City of Oakland Parks (except in specifically marked locations).	
• I will limit the number of dogs in my household to 3 (for residents of Oakland).	
• I will watch for any signs that my dog is developing any behavior problems, especially signs of aggression towards or other animals, and address these issues quickly, such as contacting a dog trainer for assistance. I understand that it is never recommended to leave my dog unsupervised with children.	
• I will take the appropriate actions to prevent my dog from barking incessantly and disturbing the peace and comfort of others. I understand that it is not recommended to leave my dog outside at night.	
• I understand that it is illegal to keep my dog chained or tethered.	
• I have considered the time and financial demands of having a dog. I understand that caring for a dog can cost approximately \$50 - \$100 a month and that I need to spend time with my dog each day to keep my dog healthy and happy.	
• I have checked with my homeowner’s insurance or landlord if I am going to adopt a dog such as a Rottweiler, Pitbull, Chow, Akita, Doberman, etc. since some insurance companies and landlords discriminate based on breed.	
• I understand that if I am no longer able to keep or care for my adopted dog and I am unable to re-home the dog, I will bring the dog back to Oakland Animal Services within one year.	

I certify that all the above information is true. I understand Oakland Animal Services reserves the right to deny the adoption of any animal. I acknowledge that information regarding the history, health, and behavior of adopted animals may not always be available of accurate.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

If selected as an adopter:

STATEMENT OF ADOPTER (NO WARRANTY)

I (we) hereby acknowledge receipt of the animal known as _____ ACR#. I (we) understand that Oakland Animal Services makes **NO WARRANTY** in regard to the animal’s ownership, condition, disposition, past behavior and health and the OAS can only give the information provided with adoption. I (we) agree in that City of Oakland and/or its officers and/or employees shall not be liable, answerable or accountable in any manner for the injury to any person or damage to property or loss of use thereof caused by said officers and employees from any suits, claims or actions brought by any person or persons for or on account of any bodily injuries, disease, illness or damage caused by said animal.

Adopter Signature _____ Date _____