



**Katie's Heart
Animal Services, Inc**

DOG ADOPTION AGREEMENT

Please complete the entire application and understand that submitting it does not guarantee an adoption. We reserve the right to refuse adoption to anyone. Our goal is finding the best home for the dog, regardless of who may have applied first. A home visit, or meeting the dog(s), does not mean you have a successful application. If you rent, you must have consent of your landlord.

- We will check all references, and we will not adopt to anyone who gives misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete information.
- We will not transport our pets to adopters, you must meet us in person.
- We will do our best to disclose the dog's personality and what home we feel would be the best fit. Smaller dogs are fragile, and in most cases, we will not adopt to families with young children under the age of eight, especially if the animal has been mistreated by children.
- Please **STRONGLY** consider an adult or senior dog as they are often overlooked in shelters, yet have so much to offer! Puppies require more work and training and are a tripping hazard, especially for senior citizens and children.
- Most of our dogs will need to be house trained and will need patience and dedication to ensure success.

Thank you for your interest in adopting from us! Learn more about our rescue at: <https://katies-heart.org>

The adoption fee includes the cost of vaccinations and other medical care, as well as spay/neuter. In many cases, the fee will not cover all veterinary care.

Adopting a dog is a commitment to keeping it for its entire lifetime, it is essential that adopters understand this. While we will take a dog back at any time, adjustments take time, so please be patient as your new pet adjusts to you and vice versa. This may take few days, a few weeks, or a few months.



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Adopters Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone Number _____

Email address _____ Driver's License/State # _____

Emergency Contact (friend or relative that DOES NOT live with you).

Name and Number: _____

Spouse/Partner Name _____

Health of adopter and spouse/partner (canes, walkers, health conditions) _____

Who will be the primary caregiver? _____

Please list everyone who lives in your home, include their relationship (child/grandchild, etc.) and any know health conditions.

Is everyone in your household aware of, and in agreement, with this adoption? If no, please list who is not in favor and the objection.

ADOPTED DOG: Name _____

Breed _____ Color(s) _____ Gender _____ Age _____

Distinguishing Marks _____

Altered: Yes ___ or No ___ Microchip # (if applicable) _____



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Employment information, **highlight all that apply.**

- Full time employment
- Part time employment
- Unemployed
- Work from home
- Student
- Retired
- Other

Where do you work and how long have you worked there? If you spouse or partner works, please list where and how long employed.

A healthy dog can be expected to live 15 year or more, and we don't want the animal to end up in a shelter should something happen to you. If you become seriously ill or pass away, do you have family members or close friends who would take the dog? What is your plan for your pet(s) if you should become unable to care for it?

What kind of house do you live in? **Highlight.**

- House
- Apartment
- Condo
- Duplex
- Mobile home
- Townhouse
- RV/Camper
- Other



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Do you rent or own? **Highlight.**

- Own
- Rent
- Live with friends
- Live with family
- Other

If you rent, please list your landlord's name, address, and phone number to confirm you have permission to have pets. If you own, enter N/A?

How long have you lived in your current home? If less than five years, please list your previous address.

Please **highlight all that apply** related to your health, exercise level, abilities, and interests. The best chance for a successful adoption is to match the pet energy level with your ability and lifestyle.

- I exercise several times a week.
- I lead a very active lifestyle that is healthy, even if I don't exercise often.
- I am healthy, but I do not work out.
- I am not fit or active.
- I am not interested in exercising.
- I cannot exercise due to a health condition.
- I use a wheelchair.
- I use a cane or walker.
- I can lose my balance easily.
- I am truly a couch potato!
- I can easily take my dog(s) outside to go the bathroom without assistance.
- I am unable to lift or carry a small dog (20 pounds or less).
- A high energy dog who jumps could easily knock me over.
- I walk my dogs daily.
- I walk my dog(s) several times a week.
- I have no interest in a dog that needs to be walked.
- Even if I can't walk my dog(s), someone who lives with me will walk them.
- Even if I can't walk my dog(s), someone who does not live with me will walk them.
- I will hire a dog walker if necessary.
- I take my dogs to a dog park for exercise.
- I live in a dog friendly walking neighborhood.
- My house is not located on a safe road for walking.
- Other



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What kinds of exercise would you provide for the pet?

- couch potatoes only!
- yard exercise
- short walks
- hikes
- long walks
- dog parks
- jogging / running partner
- doggy day care
- other

Which of the following pet behaviors or events would cause you to change your mind about keeping the pet? Highlight all that apply.

- nothing, I commit fully to this animal for the rest of its life
- can't housebreak
- doesn't get along with my other pets
- doesn't get along with my children or other family members
- difficult to leash walk
- aggressive
- not playful
- excessive barking
- destructive behavior
- shedding
- too active / energetic
- impossible to train
- digs up the yard
- relocation
- divorce or end of relationship
- new baby / child in the house
- death of spouse or partner
- loss of home (financial / natural disaster)
- loss of job
- long hours at work/business
- other



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Would you consider pet training classes if necessary?

Yes

No

If no, why not?

How many hours each day will the pet be left alone? _____

Where will the pet be allowed inside your home, including sleeping arrangements? **Highlight all that apply.**

- free inside home
- confined to a room
- in my bedroom at night
- confined to crate 24/7
- garage
- confined to crate at night
- basement
- confined to crate when I'm not home
- other

Do you have a fenced yard? If so, what kind of fence and how tall is it? _____

Note: we do not adopt to anyone with invisible/electric fences.

When your pet is outside, how would you keep them? **Highlight all that apply.**

- N/A - indoors only
- patio / deck
- on a leash
- loose in yard attended
- outside dog run
- loose in yard unattended
- fenced yard
- confined area
- invisible fence
- garage
- tie out chain
- outside pen
- other



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Do you have any pets living with you now? If yes, please list:

name and breed

age

weight

gender

disposition

if spayed/neutered (if not, why)

if up to date on vaccinations (if not, why)

If you previously owned a pet, list:

name and breed

age when they passed or left your care

how long you had them

why you no longer have them

Why do you wish to adopt this pet?

- I love animals
- companionship for me / family
- companionship for another pet
- I want my children will learn how to care for a pet
- I need a guard dog
- I feel sorry for the animal
- I'm looking for a cute pet
- I want a puppy
- I've lost a pet and want to adopt again
- It's a present for a family member
- Other



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What kinds of pet's appeal to you in order to give a permanent (10-15 years) home to? Highlight all that apply.

- friendly and playful
- shy or timid
- special needs
- puppy
- low energy
- lap dog
- senior
- high energy
- rescue
- adult
- guard dog
- able to walk/hike with me
- exercise buddy
- other

Have you ever turned a pet into a shelter, and if so, why?

Dogs (shedding especially) need to be groomed on a regular basis. A professional groomer will trim the pet's fur, bathe them, trim nails, shave pad fur, and clean ears and remove ear hair. Do you agree to regularly take your pet to a reputable groomer (groomers recommend five to six times a year)?

- I agree
- I do not agree
- I have experience grooming pets so I can do this myself.
- other



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All dogs (shedding and non-shedding) should be bathed and combed on a regular basis. They also need to have their ears kept clean, pads shaved, and nails trimmed.

Do you have any issues, physical or otherwise, that would prevent regular bathing and at-home grooming?

- I can bathe/maintain my pet.
- I am unable to bathe/maintain my pet, and I do not have any help.
- I am unable to bathe/maintain my pet, but a family member or friend can help me.
- other

Housebreaking takes time and patience, and each pet is different. If your new dog is not housebroken (and most are not), how will you correct them when there is an accident, and what method will you use to train them? Please note, if you consider "rubbing their nose in it" as a training method, we will not consider your application as this is both cruel and abusive. If you also consider "showing the dog the mess as a way of letting them know what they did wrong" as a training method, this is not effective either. Dogs live in the moment, so do some research online, or talk to your vet about effective and positive methods that work best.

In addition to unexpected vet visits, dogs should be seen annually by a vet for required vaccinations and for yearly Heartworm/Lyme testing. Are you willing and able to ensure the pet receives vet recommended tests and vaccinations?

Yes

No

Other

What do you consider to be routine vet care?



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What costs do you estimate during the year? *Remember to include annual checkups (as well as the unexpected vet bills), food and treats, toys, crates, training classes if necessary, beds/blankets, and heartworm/flea/tick preventatives. If you travel and need a pet sitter or boarder, include this also.*

Do you keep your pets on heartworm and flea/tick preventatives?

- Flea/tick seasonally
- Flea/tick year round
- Heartworm seasonally
- Heartworm year round
- I don't use either of these products.

What brand of heartworm and flea/tick preventatives do you use and where you buy them? If you don't use these products, why? _____

Adoption fees vary depending on the health and age of the pet. Younger and healthier pets have a larger fee because we often have older dogs who need more extensive care. Typically, fees are between \$200 - \$500.00. Are you willing and able to pay this fee and understand why it is necessary? _____

Please list your current veterinarian (vet name, clinic name, and phone number).

If you currently do not have a vet, please list a former one (name, clinic, phone number).

If you do not take your pet to a vet on a regular basis, we will not consider your application!



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Three references are required who are familiar with you and your relationship with animals. If you have never owned a pet before, please list three references who know your character. Failure to list three references will disqualify you from further consideration. If you are not local to our area, you must include one neighbor (if not possible, another non-relative reference may be provided).

PLEASE DO NOT LIST RELATIVES AND DO NOT INCLUDE GIRLFRIENDS / BOYFRIENDS / SPOUSES / PARTNERS!

Include: name, phone number, and relationship to you (friend/neighbor/co-worker, etc.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please provide us with any other information that may be helpful to know when reviewing your application. You may also ask questions here.

All of these statements must be agreed before your application will be considered. Please read them carefully; this is a legal contract.



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I agree to make a non-refundable adoption fee/donation of \$200. This fee is immediately used to pay ongoing costs of rescuing stray and shelter animals, including food, veterinary care, behavior training, etc. **(initial)** _____

If at any time in the future I cannot continue to provide proper care for the dog, **I will not abandon, give or sell** the dog to another person, company, organization, medical research, pound or animal shelter. I agree to do one or more of the following. **(initial)** _____

1. Obtain approval from KHAS to transfer ownership of the dog to a friend or relative. Rescue must approve the new adopter who will require to sign an agreement similar to this one. **(initial)** _____
2. Pay to board adoptee for an agreed-upon time, allowing KHAS to actively seek a new home and then relinquish the dog to KHAS when a home is found. (Boarding costs vary from \$10-\$30 a day) **(initial)** _____
3. Return adoptee to KHAS-adopter agrees to give KHAS up to five days' notice prior to returning adoptee in order for the rescue to secure boarding. **(initial)** _____

I agree to take the dog to a vet/clinic of my choosing for a wellness check-up and/or any booster vaccines (if needed) within 30 days of the adoption to ensure the dog is healthy and protected from transmittable diseases. I agree to keep my dog current on vaccinations as recommended by my vet or as required by law. **(initial)** _____

I agree that the dog **WILL ALWAYS** be wearing an identification tag with two current phone numbers. **(initial)** _____

In the event of the dog being lost, I agree to make an immediate and serious effort to find the dog by (a) filing a lost report with animal control, animal shelters, local veterinarians, (b) post lost pet signs in the community as well on social media (c) contact KHAS immediately to report and for additional support and advice. Furthermore, Adopter understands that if the loss was the result of negligence or failure to comply with the covenants of this agreement, KHAS reserves the right to not return the dog and to place into a new home. **(initial)** _____

I understand the dog I am adopting is an **INDOOR ONLY** dog and that, for the safety and well-being of the dog, I will not willingly let the dog outside for any reason at any time unattended or unleashed. **(initial)** _____

I understand and agree that KHAS makes no representations or warranties, expressed or implied, about the dog's temperament and is hereby absolved from any liability for future damages or injuries caused by the dog. **(initial)** _____



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I understand that KHAS reserves the right to follow up on this adoption and agree to provide updates and information as requested. I also authorize KHAS to contact and speak to my vet(s) and to receive copies of medical records from them. **(initial)** _____

I understand and agree this is a legally binding contract. I understand and agree to all the statements on this form as indicated by my initials above and by voluntarily signing below. For the safety and well-being of the dog, I understand and agree that if I fail to uphold these agreements or fail to meet the requirements established in this contract it can result in the immediate forfeiture of the dog to KHAS without refund of adoption fees or other costs incurred by me. **(initial)** _____

I understand that I may not euthanize the dog except in the case of the dog's terminal illness or injury, or old age accompanied by pain and suffering, and in that case, the euthanasia must be performed by a licensed veterinarian. **(initial)** _____

I affirm that no member of the household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment, etc. **(initial)** _____

Adopter's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signing your name and initialing in the fields below is considered an acknowledgement that you have read the content of the accompanying section and agree to adhere to the requirements therein.

I, (print full name) _____, (hereby referred to as adopter) am willingly adopting to own the above-mentioned dog as a pet for myself and/or my immediate family from Katie's Heart Animal Services. I agree to always provide fresh food/water, housing, attention and medical care as needed to ensure the safety and well-being of the dog. I understand that adopting the dog is a long-term commitment and will fulfill that obligation to the best of my ability for the duration of the dog's natural life. I agree that I will not sell, give away, or otherwise dispose of the dog to any person(s), institute, shelter or any other entity for any reason. If I cannot continue to care for the dog or must re-home the dog, I understand that I must notify KHAS immediately. I understand if I am unable to keep the dog or must return the dog that any adoption fees or money otherwise spent on the cat will not be reimbursed to me by KHAS. **(Initial)** _____