



**Rita B. Huff
Humane Society**
of WALKER COUNTY

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DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

Animal Name: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____ Driver's License #: _____

Physical Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code/Apartment #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code/Apartment #: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Employer/Occupation: _____

How long have you been at your current job? _____

Provide 2 references that are **NOT** members of your immediate family:

1. Reference Name: _____

Phone: _____ Years Known: _____

Relationship: _____

2. Reference Name: _____

Phone: _____ Years Known: _____

Relationship: _____

How did you hear about Rita B. Huff Humane Society?

Friend/Family Member

Internet

Facebook

Other: _____

Please read all the following information BEFORE filling out the adoption application. If you have any questions, please ask.

Requirements for Adopting:

1. All applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
2. All adopted animal must be spayed or neutered before leaving the shelter if they are of age. No exceptions. If the animal has is not yet of age, an appointment will be made to bring the animal back for the sterilization.
3. Under state law, all animals over the age of 3 months must be vaccinated against rabies. If the animal is of age, this will be done before the animal leaves the shelter. If the animal is younger than 3 months old, an appointment will be made to bring the animal back for the rabies vaccination. While the first vaccinations are included in the adoption fee, it is the owners' responsibility to vaccinate their pet annually.
4. If the applicant rents a house or apartment, any pet deposits required by the landlord or management company must be paid prior to adoption. This will be verified by Rita B. Huff Humane Society's staff before the animal is released.

Additional Information:

1. Animals are different from humans. The actions of animals are often unpredictable. Animals should always be closely supervised when they are with children. The Rita B. Huff Humane Society makes no claims regarding the behavior or temperament of the animals placed into adoptive homes. However, if you decide the animal will not work out with your family, you may return the animal to the shelter within 7 days for a full refund.
2. The Rita B. Huff Humane Society has no control over the diseases an animal may have been exposed to prior to coming to the shelter. There are no guarantees that the animal will be completely healthy. You should take your adopted animal to a licensed veterinarian as soon as possible. The Rita B. Huff Humane Society is not responsible for any veterinary fees you may incur after the adoption is complete.

Applicant Signature

Applicant Print Name

Date

About Your Home

1. What kind of home do you live in?

- House Townhouse
 Apartment Other: _____

2. Your home is:

- Owned, by you or spouse Rented from owner or management company
 Owned, by someone else within the house Rented as part of a group of roommates
 Other: _____

a. If renting, is your name on the lease? _____

b. If renting, do you have your landlord's permission to have a pet?

c. Landlord's Name: _____

Landlord's Phone Number: _____

3. Who shares your household?

- Spouse Roommate(s) #: _____
 Boyfriend/Girlfriend Other: _____

4. Are there children in the home?

- Yes - if so, how many and what ages? _____
 No

5. Do you plan to move soon?

- Yes
 No

6. Does anyone in your household have an allergy to animals that you are aware of?

- Yes
 No

7. Is someone home during the day?

- Yes - if so, who? _____
 No

8. How many hours will your pet be alone each day? _____

9. Where will your pet spend most of their day when you are home?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yard | <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed Patio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor/Outdoor | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

10. Where will the pet stay when they are home alone?

- Indoor/Outdoor (Doggy Door)
- Inside Only – specify:
 - Run of the house
 - Crate
 - Other: _____
- Outside Only – specify:
 - Yard
 - Garage
 - Enclosed Patio
 - Other: _____

11. When will the animal be inside? _____

12. When will the animal be outside? _____

13. Where will the animal be kept at night?

- Indoor/Outdoor (Doggy Door)
- Inside Only – specify:
 - Run of the house
 - Crate
 - Other: _____
- Outside Only – specify:
 - Yard
 - Garage
 - Enclosed Patio
 - Other: _____

14. What rooms are off limits? _____

15. Additional Information: _____

About Your Yard

- I am applying for an indoor only cat
- I do not currently have a yard

1. What outside areas are available to the pet?
 - Front yard
 - Back yard
 - Garage
 - Enclosed Patio
 - Dog house
 - Other: _____
2. Do you have a doggy door?
 - Yes
 - No
3. Is your yard shared with neighbors?
 - Yes
 - No
4. Is your yard fenced?
 - Yes – if so, specify:
 - Chain link
 - Chicken wire
 - Horse paneling
 - Electric fencing
 - Other: _____
 - Privacy/Wood
 - Barbed wire
 - Cattle paneling
 - Invisible fencing
 - Fence Height: _____
 - No, my yard is not fenced
5. Have you recently inspected the condition of your fence for holes or loose points?
 - Yes
 - No
6. If your pet will have free access to a fenced in yard, where is it located?
 - Front yard
 - Back yard
 - Other: _____
7. Which of the following is used to secure your gate?
 - Latch
 - Keyed Lock
 - Padlock
 - Other: _____

8. If your gate does not have a lock, are you willing to install one?

Yes

No

9. Who has access to your yard?

Gardener

Housekeeper

Pool man

Delivery man

Utility man

Neighbor(s)

Postal worker

Other: _____

a. Where will your pet be kept while they are working?

b. Do you trust your workers not to let your pet get out?

About Your Experience with Animals

1. How would you describe your pet-owning experience?

I have had pets of my own as an adult

I grew up with pets, but have not owned any as an adult

I have never had a pet or have limited experience with animals

Other: _____

2. How many pets have you owned in the past 5 years? _____

3. Describe the pets currently in your care:

Name	Type	Breed	Age	Kept Where?	Time in Your Care?	Spayed/Neutered?	If no, why not?

4. Are your pets on heartworm prevention?

Yes – if so, what kind? _____

No

5. Are your pets of flea/tick prevention?
 Yes – if so, what kind? _____
 No
6. Have you had experience with behavioral or medical issues with your past or current pets?
 Yes – if so, please explain: _____
 No
7. If there are children in the home, please describe their experience with animals:

About this Pet

1. Why do you want to adopt a rescued pet? _____

2. What are your reasons for getting a pet?
 Family Pet
 Companion
 Gift for someone else
 Other: _____
- Child's Companion
 Protection/Guard Dog
 Companion for Another Pet
3. How will you exercise your pet and how often? _____

4. What type of training are you interested in doing with your pet? _____

5. Would you be willing to enroll your pet in obedience classes?
 Yes
 No
 Only if I had problems
6. How would you discipline your pet if they misbehaved? _____

7. What methods do you intend to use to housetrain your pet? _____

8. If your pet develops behavioral problems, what will you do? _____

9. In which of the following situations might you allow your pet off leash?
 Public Park
 Hike
 Neighborhood Walk
 Dog Park
 Private yard
 Beach

Additional Information

1. If your pet got out or lost, what would you do? _____

2. What kind of food will you feed your pet?
 Dry Kibble Canned
Brand: _____ Brand: _____
3. Pets are investment of your time and money. Can you afford to provide medical care, grooming, proper diet, shelter, and exercise for your new pet?
 Yes
 No
4. Are you able to make a long-term commitment to care for your pet for its entire lifespan, which could be as long as 15 years or more?
 Yes
 No
5. What is your monthly budget for your pet? _____
6. Who is your veterinarian?
Name: _____ Phone: _____
Location: _____
- If you do not have a veterinarian, would you like a referral?
 Yes
 No
7. If you move, what will happen to your pet? _____
8. Have you ever adopted an animal from a shelter, rescue, or animal control agency?
 Yes – if so, where? _____
 No
9. Which of the following reasons might force you to give up your pet?

<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive barking	<input type="checkbox"/> Moving/Relocating
<input type="checkbox"/> Biting aggression	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Problems
<input type="checkbox"/> Shedding/Dirty	<input type="checkbox"/> Growling at Guests
<input type="checkbox"/> Potty Training Difficulties	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Vet Bills/Chronic Illness
<input type="checkbox"/> Digging	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy of Owner
<input type="checkbox"/> Not trainable	<input type="checkbox"/> Nips/Bites Children
<input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive on Leash	<input type="checkbox"/> New Partner Doesn't Approve
<input type="checkbox"/> Destructive Chewing	<input type="checkbox"/> Pets Aren't Getting Along
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/Separation	<input type="checkbox"/> None of the Above
<input type="checkbox"/> Allergies	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Please read and initial each statement below:

_____ I understand that the Rita B. Huff Humane Society does NOT have complete medical history for the animal I am applying for.

_____ I agree to take my new pet to the veterinarian of my choice for a health examination as soon as possible.

_____ I understand that any diseases or conditions that the pet may have could be transmitted to my other pets.

_____ I understand that I may need to isolate the animal away from my other pets until my veterinarian can examine my new pet.

_____ I understand that a home visit may be required prior to final placement and I understand that a home visit does not guarantee placement.

_____ I release and waive from liability or responsibility the Rita B. Huff Humane Society and/or any employees, board members, or volunteers in the event that any damages to persons or property are caused either directly or indirectly by this animal that I am applying for.

_____ I understand that if I am approved to adopt this animal, I **MUST** return the animal to the Rita B. Huff Humane Society if I am at any point unable to keep it.

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