



# The Pet Adoption Center of Orange County

**Pets. Family. For Life.**

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## ADOPTION POLICY

The Pet Adoption Center of Orange County (PAC-OC) seeks permanent, loving homes where our rescued animals can live a long, happy and healthy life as part of a family. Adoptive families must agree to keep this animal as a pet and companion. The pet is to be primarily indoors in order to be a part of the family. Adoptive families must agree that pets will be confined in a securely fenced yard or restrained on a leash at all times when outdoors.

**It is a condition of this adoption that should the adoption be unsuccessful for any reason, the pet is to be returned to The PAC-OC to find the right home.**

Prior to adoption, all pets will be spayed or neutered, current on vaccinations, and an adoption donation will be received (Generally \$300 for an adult dog). The donation includes a vet evaluation, microchip, spay/neuter, appropriate vaccinations and other recommended medical treatment.

Although PAC-OC does their best to maintain a healthy environment, there are **NO** expressed or implied guarantees relative to the health or temperament of the animal.

The adoptive family agrees to provide a valid Drivers License; be willing to allow an authorized representative of PAC-OC to inspect the home prior to adoption; be willing to allow an authorized representative of PAC-OC to conduct an adoption follow-up; be willing and able to provide the adopted pet with proper diet, housing, veterinary care, yearly vaccinations, veterinary recommended preventative and flea treatment for the rest of its natural life; agree to comply with all City, County, State and Federal laws governing animals; read carefully the terms of our adoption agreement and be willing to agree to the terms of the contract; agree that PAC-OC has the right to remove the pet without notice if the adopting family fails to comply with any of these terms.

### **Special Note:**

Decisions on placing pets in adoptive & foster homes are based solely on the judgment of The Pet Adoption Center of Orange County. PAC-OC reserves the right to refuse to adopt or foster to anyone without disclosing the reasons, as well as make all decisions regarding placement or final arrangements of any rescued pet in its care; whether in, or being placed in, a foster or adoptive home.

## ADOPTION APPLICATION

Submitting this questionnaire does not guarantee you will be approved to adopt the animal for which you are applying. Please do not consider this an invasion of your privacy. We are doing our best to place all of our animals into permanent, responsible homes, at the same time as find a suitable pet for you. We thank you for your cooperation in taking time to fill out this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work/cell phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

How do you prefer we contact you?  Home phone  Work/cell phone  Email

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Reference: (please put someone outside of your home)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Interested in Adopting: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate all applicable reasons for wanting to adopt this pet:

Companion  Watchdog  Family Pet  Gift  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in a:  House  Apartment  Condo  Mobile Home?

How long have you resided at your current address? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your lease permit pets?  Yes  No  Not sure

Are there restrictions?  Yes  No  Not sure. If yes, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your landlord?  Yes  No. Name/phone of landlord/leasing office: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this pet spend most of his/her time?

Crate  Indoors  Outdoors  Garage  Patio/Porch  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this pet stay when you are not home?

Crate  Indoors  Outdoors  Garage  Patio/Porch  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your new pet's main sleeping quarters be?  Crate  Pet Bed  Share bed with owner  
 Designated Room  Outdoors  Garage  Patio/Porch

What arrangements do you plan to make for exercise and toilet duties? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a pool, spa, pond, or water feature? If so, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people, including children, live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

If there are children in the home, or that visit often, how old are they? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for daily care & feeding? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will the pet typically be alone in a 24-hour period? \_\_\_\_\_

How much money do you expect to spend on this pet's care (including any medical care) in a year? \_\_\_\_\_

What arrangements do you plan to make for the pet when you travel? \_\_\_\_\_

### **CURRENT PETS**

Please list the breed, size, age and NAMES (for verifying vet records) of all pets currently in your home:

\_\_\_\_\_

Are they spayed/neutered?  Yes  No. If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Are they all up to date on vaccines, including Bordetella (aka Kennel Cough)?  Yes  No  Not sure

Are they on heartworm prevention?  Yes  No  Not sure If so, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_

Are they on flea prevention?  Yes  No  Not sure If so, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_

Are they licensed in your county?  Yes  No  Not sure. If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

What other types of pets, if any, are currently in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

If your present living conditions changed (move, change jobs, divorce, etc), what would you do with this pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Under what circumstances would you feel it necessary to give this pet up?

Pet barks or whines  Pet has a potty "accident" in the home  Pet damages property (i.e. carpeting, furniture, etc)  Pet becomes aggressive  Pet becomes very ill  You move to a different state  Other (please detail): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a shelter or humane society?  Yes  No

If so, why? \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your veterinarian?  Yes  No

Name & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of animal cruelty or neglect?  Yes  No

Any other animal-related violations?  Yes  No. If so, what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXPERIENCE WITH PETS**

Do you have experience with any of the following? Please check all that apply:

Crate Training  Obedience Training  Raising a Litter  Modifying Behavior Problems  Potty Training

Please list any other experience that you feel will be beneficial in adopting one of our pets:

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Are you willing to commit to a training class/program with this pet if required?  Yes  No  Not sure

Do you understand that we rarely know whether a pet is housebroken or not, and are you willing/able to potty-train this pet if necessary?  Yes  No  Not sure

Check types of confinement you can provide:

Crate  Fenced yard  Kennel run  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe fence or kennel size/type: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to train/discipline this pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or any members of your family have any known allergies to pets?  Yes  No  Not sure

How long are you willing to give this pet to bond with you and settle in to his/her new home?

One day  One week  One month  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If less than a month, why? \_\_\_\_\_

INITIAL EACH STATEMENT BELOW:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I am committing to care for this animal and have it as part of my family for its natural life, which can be up to 17 years for a pet.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am financially able to provide for the animal's needs. This includes food, supplies, shelter, veterinary care and heartworm prevention, which can be approximately \$800 per year.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have adequate time to spend with my new pet, including time for training, exercise and grooming.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I move, my pet will make the move with me.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I must comply with all state and local ordinances concerning pet licensing and vaccinations.

Where did you hear about the pet you are applying to adopt? \_\_\_\_\_

**All of the above information I have given is true & complete. I agree to follow the Rules and Policies of THE PET ADOPTION CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY. I understand that it is my decision whether or not to adopt any particular pet. I will not hold THE PET ADOPTION CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY responsible for any damage, injury, or harm caused directly or indirectly to any person or property by any pet I may decide to adopt.**

**THE PET ADOPTION CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY, AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY APPLICANT FOR ANY REASON OR NO REASON.**

**I have read the disclaimer and agree to these terms and conditions.**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date approved:** \_\_\_\_\_