

WIREGRASS HUMANE SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 1045, DOTHAN, AL 36302, (334)792-6693
PET ADOPTION APPLICATION
(PLEASE PRINT)

Cat or Dog Pet's Name _____

Basic Guidelines that must be met before submitting an application:

- The person submitting the application must be the person who is actually adopting the animal and the applicant must be 18 years or older.
- The applicant must be willing to undergo reference checks and a visit to the home where the animal will reside.
- All current pets must be spayed/neutered and up to date on shots. All dogs must be on heartworm preventative.
- A vet reference is required on all previous and current pets.
- A fenced yard is required for dogs; however exceptions are occasionally made. It depends on the animals needs. **INVISIBLE FENCING IS NOT ACCEPTED AS A METHOD OF CONTAINMENT.** These animals are happiest when treated as members of the family. They thrive on interaction with their people. Anyone that plans to leave their dog out 24/7 will not be approved.
- **If you falsify any information or neglect to inform us of any information that is pertinent in processing your application, your application will not be approved. If falsification is discovered after adoption, our animal will be removed from your possession immediately.**

This application is to help determine if the proposed adoption is in the best interest of both the pet and your family.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

MARITAL STATUS: _____ SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PRIMARY PHONE: _____ OTHER PHONE: _____

PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION: PHONE EMAIL (PLEASE CIRCLE #u ONE)

Is your spouse also interested and aware of this adoption? Yes No

Applicant's occupation: _____ Spouse's occupation: _____

Is this pet specifically for your household? Yes No

Is anyone in your home allergic to animals? _____

Total number of persons in the household: _____ Ages of any children: _____

Please list any children that will be visiting frequently: _____

Do you live in a house? _____ Apartment? _____ Mobile Home? _____ Other? _____

What type of environment? Country City Suburban (Please On)

Do you own? _____ Rent? _____ Landlord's Name/Phone: _____

(WHS STAFF ONLY) VERIFIED BY: _____

Do you have a fenced in yard? Y.....N

What kind of fencing? _____ Height _____

Please check all that apply: I want a new pet for:

House pet _____ Breeder _____ Fighting Dog _____ Hunter _____

Companion _____ Mouser _____ Guard Dog _____ Companion for present pets _____

Other _____ explain: _____

Gift for someone _____ If so, with whom and where will the pet reside: _____

HISTORY OF PET OWNERSHIP

Have you ever adopted from here before? _____ If yes, dog or cat? _____ When? _____

Where is the previously adopted pet now? _____

Have you ever brought an animal to us or to Animal Control? _____ If yes, when? _____

For what reason? _____

Do you have any pets now? Yes No List ALL of your **current** pets, including their name, breed, age and how long you have had them.

Why do you want to add a new pet? _____

Are ALL your pets (or previous pets) spayed/neutered? Yes No

Are ALL your pets (or previous pets) up to date on shots? Yes No

Are ALL of your dogs (or previous dogs) on heartworm preventative? Yes No What kind? _____

If your dogs are not on heartworm preventative, all of your current pets are not up to date with shots, spayed or neutered, please explain why. _____

List ALL of your previous (past 10 years) pets, including their name, what breed they were, what happened to them and at what age:

CARE & RESPONSIBILITY

Most shelter animals have unknown medical and social backgrounds. We do our very best to place only healthy animals up for adoption. However, in a shelter environment, animals can become sick regardless of the preventative care given. For this reason, do you agree to take this pet for a complete vet exam within seven days after the adoption, and to follow-up on all vaccinations as recommended by the veterinarian? _____

Who will be responsible for the day to day care of the animal? _____

Will this pet ever be left alone? Yes No If yes, how long (hrs/day)? _____

Where will the pet spend the day? _____ Where will your pet sleep? _____

How will you handle any behavioral problems? _____

Do you plan to obedience train? If yes, please explain _____

How will you care for your pet while you travel? _____

Please tell us about any other caregivers your pet may have, such as a housekeeper or relative _____

For which of the following reasons would you consider returning your pet? Please _____ all that apply and explain your answers

- Moving Divorce Aggressive Shedding Not Staying in Fence Financial Reasons New Baby
Excessive Barking Not Getting Along with Other Pets

Your new pet may take at least two months to adjust to its new home. Are you willing to allow it this much time to adjust?

_____ If not, why? _____

REFERENCES:

The purpose of checking references is to insure applicants will provide a responsible, loving home for a WHS pet based on the animal care they have provided to current and past pets. The gathering of this information is not meant to be intrusive, nor will it ever be shared with another party without the applicant's consent.

A vet reference and 3 personal references NOT related to the applicant are required. The only exception for not having a vet reference is the applicant is a first time pet owner and/or has never used a vet before. Applicants that can not give a vet reference must list four personal references, rather than three. WHS is looking for a 2 year or longer pet history with a vet, so if you need to list multiple vets, please do so in that section. *Applicants, please notify your vet that an application has been submitted and give permission for the vet to release general information about your pet care history to a WHS representative. If vet records are listed in another name than the applicant, please make note of that in the comment section.

Personal references should be friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc....NOT family members. WHS needs references that can be reached easily. If it's easiest to contact your personal references by email, please provide the email address rather than the phone number. Please let your personal references know a representative of WHS will be contacting them! (continued on next page)

NAME

RELATIONSHIP

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL

Comments and Additional Vet References: _____

List any Humane Societies, Organizations, Breed or Training Clubs you are associated with

Would you object to follow-up calls by the Humane Society to check on the new pet's progress? _____

If yes, why? _____

***Certain pets will require a home visit and/or "meet and greet" with other pets and/or children currently in the home. The staff member reviewing your application will advise you if this applies to the pet you want to adopt. If you are not sure if this applies to you and the staff member does not mention either, please ask. Delays in having these items completed, can result in a delay in you getting to take your new pet home.**

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND THAT FALSE INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN NULLIFYING THIS ADOPTION.

ADOPTER: _____ DATE: _____

WHS STAFF: _____ DATE: _____

Meet and greet completed by: _____ Date: _____

Approved: _____ or Denied: _____

Home visit completed by: _____ Date: _____

Approved: _____ or Denied: _____