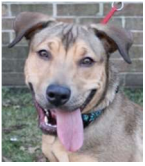


# Bergen County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center



## Dog Adoption Application

So that we may be assured that the pet you wish to adopt is best suited to you, your home, and your lifestyle, and is placed in an environment that is compatible with his/her needs, we ask that you complete this application as truthfully as possible. Our goal is to find a pet for you and your family that will be the perfect companion.

### Before you adopt a pet from BCAS you should know . . . .

- You must complete this application entirely before being eligible to adopt a pet.**
  - Completing this application in no way guarantees that you will be approved to adopt one of our pets. If you are approved for adoption a counselor will meet with you to discuss the specific needs of the pet you are interested in - or to show you another pet that may better meet the needs of your family.*
- You must be at least 21 years old**, with proof of age, in order to adopt a pet.
- You must have proof of current address**
- You must have proof that you own your own home or that landlord/complex allows pets on the premises.**
- The entire family and/or all occupants of the household must visit the shelter for a “meet & greet” before final adoption (dogs only)**
- Basic yearly expenses can reach over \$600.00.**
- WHEN ADOPTING A DOG there is an adjustment period of a couple of months.**  
During this time you will need to be diligent about following our recommended “Nothing in Life is Free” training plan in ALL aspects of the dogs life. Are you willing to invest this time in your new companion?

### ADOPTION FEES

Puppies 6 months or under = \$200

Dogs under 6yrs. of age = \$150.00

Dogs over 6yrs. of age = \$100.00

### Forms of Payment

CASH  
VISA/MASTER/  
DISCOVER  
CHECKS  
MONEY ORDER

### YOUR TOP PRIORITIES

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

Who will be the main caretaker of the pet?

Self    Spouse/Partner    Children

Other \_\_\_\_\_

I have owned a pet before:    YES    NO

Currently own    Dog(s)    Cat(s)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how often your pet will need to get along with the following. S = Sometimes A = Always N = Never

- Elderly People \_\_\_\_\_  Children under 10  
 Children over 10 \_\_\_\_\_  Dogs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Small Animals \_\_\_\_\_  Cats \_\_\_\_\_

**Ideal Size (of Dog)**

- Small (0-20lbs)  
 Medium (20-50lbs)  
 Large(50-95lbs)  
 Giant (95 + lbs)  
 Doesn't Matter

**Ideal Age:**

- Baby (8-16weeks)  
 Teen (4-12months)  
 Young (1-3years)  
 Older  
 Doesn't Matter

## HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you:  Own  Rent   Live with parents How long at current address? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you:  Working  Retired  Attending School  Homemaker

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Housing Type:  Single Family Home  Multi or Two Family home  Condo  Apartment  
 Mobile Home/Trailer  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent: Landlord's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people live in the home?  Adults(18+) \_\_\_\_\_   Children \_\_\_\_\_   Seniors \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names, ages, and relationship (ie. mother/father) of ALL people in your home:

Does anyone have allergies to pets?  Yes  Unsure - Who? \_\_\_\_\_  No

How did you hear about us?

Have you adopted a pet from BCAS before?  No

Yes - Who/When? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is that pet now? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you surrendered a pet to BCAS before?  No

Yes - Who/When? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is that pet now? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your current vet: \_\_\_\_\_ Will this be the same vet for your new pet?

Yes

No - then please provide the information for the vet you plan on using

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## NEW PET WISH LIST

What type of pet are you interested in adopting?:  Dog  Puppy  Cat  Kitten  Other

If adopting a kitten, are you planning to declaw?  Yes  Unsure  No

Reason for wanting a pet:  Gift, for whom? \_\_\_\_\_  Guard dog/Protection

Companionship  For the Kids  Companion for other Pet  Breeding

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Sex:  Male  Female  Doesn't Matter

Coat Type:  Non-Shedding  Low-Shedding  Doesn't Matter

Where will you primarily house this pet?  Indoors  Outside  Both- explain \_\_\_\_\_

Basement  Other \_\_\_\_\_ explain \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours will the pet need to be alone during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to adopt:  A special medical needs pet  A special training/behavioral needs pet

## PREVIOUS PET EXPERIENCE

**Please describe ALL CURRENT pets below:** *(please use the margins if you need more room)*

Breed / Type of pet	Age	Sex	Spayed/Neutered – if no, why?	How long owned
_____	_____	_____	Yes-No _____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Yes-No _____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Yes-No _____	_____

• Do any of these pets have a medical or behavioral condition? \_\_\_\_\_

• Where do they spend most of their day? \_\_\_\_\_

The last time I had a pet was...  1-5 years ago  5-10 years  10 + years ago

**□ Please describe ALL PREVIOUS pets below:**

Breed / Type of pet	Sex	Spayed/Neutered – if no, why?	How long owned
_____	_____	Yes-No _____	_____
_____	_____	Yes-No _____	_____
_____	_____	Yes-No _____	_____

Where are these pets now? \_\_\_\_\_

## DOG ADOPTERS ONLY - Pets & People Profile

Have you ever given up a pet for any reason? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you consider a good reason for you to give up your pet? \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed or breed mixes I'm interested in:** \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in these particular breeds? : \_\_\_\_\_

**Training:**  Housebroken  Some Basic Training  Good house manners  Is Fully Trained  Doesn't Matter

**Activity Level:**  High (jogging partner)  Medium (likes to play fetch now and again)  Low (couch potato)

**What is your experience with dogs?**  None – 1<sup>st</sup> pet  Pets growing up  Average Dogs

Difficult dogs  Basic training with pet dogs as an adult  Behavioral training with pet dogs as an adult

**Do you have a yard?**  Yes  No **If yes:** Is it fenced?  Yes, Height/Type \_\_\_\_\_

**I want to take my dog:**  On walks  Hiking / Jogging  Everywhere I go  To public places  In the car

**I am willing to go through basic obedience**  Yes  No  Possibly

**I am willing to go through behavioral training**  Yes  No  Possibly

**Please take a second to tell us about the qualities you are looking for the most in your new dog and why:**

### FOR SHELTER USE ONLY

Animals Adopter came in to see: \_\_\_\_\_ Animals Shown: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lease or proof of home ownership: \_\_\_\_\_  Obtained  Not Obtained

\_\_\_\_\_ ID with Address Checked

\_\_\_\_\_ Whole Family Here

\_\_\_\_\_ Application Reviewed

\_\_\_\_\_ DNA list checked

\_\_\_\_\_ Dogs Temperament Assessment Explained

\_\_\_\_\_ Medical Cleared