



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, to adopt a pet.**
- You must have proof of your 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 \$800.00.**
- 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 dog's life. Are you willing to invest this time in your new companion?**

Name Of Dog You Are Interested in? _____

Reason for interest? _____

Date: _____

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**

ADOPTER NAME: _____ Who will be the main caretaker of the pet? <input type="radio"/> Self <input type="radio"/> Spouse/Partner <input type="radio"/> Children <input type="radio"/> Other: _____	I have owned a pet before: <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO Currently own <input type="radio"/> Dog(s) <input type="radio"/> Cat(s) <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ _____	
Please indicate how often your pet will need to get along with the following. S = Sometimes A = Always N = Never <input type="radio"/> Elderly People _____ <input type="radio"/> Children under 10 _____ <input type="radio"/> Children over 10 _____ <input type="radio"/> Dogs _____ <input type="radio"/> Small Animals _____ <input type="radio"/> Cats _____	Ideal Size (of Dog) <input type="checkbox"/> Small (0-20lbs) <input type="checkbox"/> Medium (20-50lbs) <input type="checkbox"/> Large(50-95lbs) <input type="checkbox"/> Giant (95 + lbs) <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't Matter	Ideal Age: <input type="checkbox"/> Baby (8-16weeks) <input type="checkbox"/> Teen (4-12months) <input type="checkbox"/> Young (1-3years) <input type="checkbox"/> Older <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't Matter

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Name: _____

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

Work from home Other _____

Housing Type: Single Family Home Multi or Two Family home Condo Apartment

Mobile Home/Trailer Other _____

If you rent: Landlord's Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

WE WILL NEED A LEASE OR LETTER FROM LANDLORD BEFORE ADOPTION IS APPROVED

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

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

Does anyone have allergies to pets? No Yes Who? _____ Unsure

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? _____

Explain reasons for surrender _____

Who is your current vet: _____ Phone #: _____

Will this be the same vet for your new pet? Yes No - then please provide the information for the vet you plan on using _____

NEW DOG WISH LIST

What type of DOG are you interested in adopting?: Adult Dog Senior Dog Puppy* Other _____

*Explain puppy experience: _____

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? _____

Are you willing to adopt: A special medical needs pet A special training/behavioral needs pet

PREVIOUS DOG 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? _____
- Have you ever given a pet up for any reason? What? _____
- What would you consider a good reason for you to give up a pet? _____
- **What are your intentions with your pets if you decide to move** _____

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

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_____	_____	Yes-No _____	_____
_____	_____	Yes-No _____	_____
_____	_____	Yes-No _____	_____

Where are these pets now? _____

DOG PROFILE

Breed or breed mixes you are 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 – 1st pet Pets growing up Average Dogs Difficult dogs

Participated in basic training with pet dogs as an adult Participated in 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:

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Animals Adopter came in to see: _____ Animals Shown: _____ Initial: _____

_____ Lease or proof of home ownership: _____ Obtained Not Obtained

_____ ID with Address Checked -- Driver License last 4 digits _____

Other ID: _____

_____ Whole Family Here

_____ Application Reviewed

_____ DNA list checked

_____ Dogs Temperament Assessment Explained

_____ Medical Cleared

ADOPTION APPROVED _____

ADOPTION DENIED: _____

PLACED PET ON HOLD: Medic Cat Test Dog intro Family Meet Other _____

APPROVALS: _____