



125 Ash Point Rd
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We no longer adopt to NH, CT or RI residents due to those states' strict regulations regarding imported dogs.

1. Applicants must be at least 23 years old and head of household.
2. All members of the household must agree to the adoption and all pets must be neutered or spayed.
3. Anyone renting or leasing must have landlord's permission before an adoption can be approved.
4. We prefer that applicants have lived at their current address for at least six months. This allows owners time to settle in to their new surroundings and establish a routine before bringing a pet into the home. Please remember that any time of transition is probably not a good time to adopt a pet.
5. Because young puppies require intensive training and care, we do not place puppies younger than six months of age in a home where someone is consistently absent from the home for long periods of time.
6. Due to potential injury and behavior/training concerns, we are very cautious when placing dogs younger than six months in homes with children under the age of 8. Puppies and kittens chew, scratch and nip, and children may be unintentionally rough as well.
7. **Due to higher adoption failure rates, we do not adopt to homes with children under the age of 5.**

Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescue dog. The mission of Puppy Love, Inc is to save dogs from likely death in Louisiana high-kill, overcrowded facilities and shelters, as well as providing new loving homes to pets surrendered as a result of natural or man-made disasters. Please complete this application as the first step in the process of bringing your new family member home. Your honest and thoughtful answers will enable us to make the perfect match for both humans and canines. Please note that processing your application takes time and effort of the Reference Coordinator. Generally, applications are processed within a week. Should you adopt a dog elsewhere or change your mind about adopting, please notify us so that we can move forward with other applicants.

The adoption fee is \$395 which helps cover the costs of veterinary care, including altering, vaccinations, medical treatment as necessary and transportation. Our dogs are rescues from Louisiana and exposed to contagious diseases including parvo, distemper and heartworm disease. Every dog has been quarantined for a minimum of 14 days, examined by a vet, treated for known diseases and illnesses, and provided a health certificate for transport and adoption. They are typically in foster homes or our partnering Humane Societies for several weeks prior to adoption. Despite our best efforts, we cannot guarantee their health, and do not provide extensive lab work and tests to uncover potential illness. Additionally, we cannot guarantee that our dogs are capable of or interested in being a service or therapy dog, and therefore we will not place them as such.

Please submit your completed application electronically to info@puppyloveme.org or mail to Puppy Love, Inc, 125 Ash Point Rd, Harpswell, ME 04079. Incomplete applications (omitting phone numbers, failing to answer all questions, etc) cannot be processed.

Date: _____ Name of desired dog: _____

What attracts you to this dog?

Are you willing to consider other dogs if the dog you applied for is unavailable or not a good match for your lifestyle? _____

Your Name: **(Must be at least 23 and head of household)**

Address:

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Best time(s) to contact you: _____

How did you hear about Puppy Love, Inc.? _____

Place of Employment: _____

Occupation: _____

Work Phone: _____ (will only use in emergency)

List all members of your household (names & ages), humans and animals, including yourself and all current pets.

We do not adopt to families with children under the age of 5.

List any circumstances your rescue dog will come into contact with young children _____

Have you surrendered, sold or given away a pet? _____ If yes, explain:

How did you acquire your current pets?

Do they live indoors? If not, explain:

Why do you want to adopt a dog? _____

Please list preferences (size, energy level, age, sex, breed, personality) so we can match a dog to your lifestyle:

Other information you would like to share about your household including lifestyle, activities in which your dog will be included, etc:

Have you submitted an application with another organization for a dog at this time? ___yes ___no

* Please note that it takes time and effort to process your application. If you have adopted elsewhere or changed your mind, please notify Puppy Love so that we may move forward with another applicant.

Are you willing to take the time to house train a dog, and do you understand that even the best trained dog can regress with the stress of transition to a new environment, new lifestyle, etc ___ yes ___no

Describe your level of commitment and method to change any behavioral issues that may arise with your rescue dog:

Does any member of the family have any allergies to animals? ___yes ___no
If yes explain:

Be aware that ALL dogs shed year round. While no dog is 100% hypoallergenic, some breeds may cause fewer allergy symptoms.

Describe the kinds of personal situations where you might have to return your adopted dog to Puppy Love (i.e. job loss, children, move, marital change, etc.)

Have you made provisions for your dog in the event you are incapacitated by accident, long term illness or death? _____

Who will be responsible for feeding, caring for, training and exercising the dog?

*Please note that while children can be wonderful companions and caretakers, a child cannot be totally responsible for a pet's care.

Who will take care of the dog in the absence of the primary caretaker?

What training method will you utilize as your dog settles into your family and new environment? _____

How long will the dog be left unattended daily? _____

What pets have you owned in the past five years? List all, including ages, spayed/neutered, indoor or outdoor, and explain why you no longer have them, including causes and/or circumstances of their death(s) or surrender.

List all vet/animal hospital(s) where your pet(s) receives or received care.

Name of pet and veterinarian/animal hospital name(s) and **phone**:

(If you do not currently have a vet, list where you intend to take your pet)

In order for us to process your application, please notify your vet and authorize them to provide a reference and release information on your behalf.

Under what owner name(s) are records listed: _____

Explain reason(s) your pets may not be up to date with vaccines or unaltered: _____

Brand of heartworm prevention & schedule of use: _____

The costs of maintaining a physically and emotionally healthy pet are not limited to annual shots and food. Annual costs can easily exceed \$1,000. Have you considered the extra expenses that will come with having a dog, including routine and emergency vet care, heartworm prevention, flea & tick prevention, food, supplies and equipment, toys, training, licensing and boarding? Yes _____

Adopters should be aware that rescue dogs may have unknown medical backgrounds.

What will you do if your pet requires extensive and/or expensive medical attention?

References

Family reference name, not living with you: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Personal reference name: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Personal reference name: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Housing

What type of home do you live in?

___house ___townhouse ___duplex ___condo ___apt ___mobile

Do you own or rent your residence? ___own ___rent

Do you live with roommates? ___yes ___no

How long at current address? _____

If you rent: Landlord name _____ Landlord phone _____

Your application will not be processed if you rent and omit landlord information

Do you have a fenced yard? ___yes ___no

What type of fence and dimensions?

Are you willing to install a fence? ___yes ___no

How long will the dog be contained in the yard? _____

Do you intend to tie your dog outdoors? _____

Overhead runs/prolonged periods of tying a dog outdoors unsupervised can cause injury or death

Explain situations your dog is allowed to run free:

How often, how long and what type of exercise will the dog receive?

What physical limitations, if any, do you have?

When you are home, where will the dog be kept? _____

Where will the dog sleep?

When no one is home (i.e. at work, shopping), where will the dog stay (be specific)?

If you utilize a crate, how long will the dog be crated?

How often do you travel?

What arrangements will you make for your dog when you travel?

If you move, what will you do with the dog?

Have **all adult** family members agreed to adopt a dog? ____yes ____no

- I have read the above information carefully and have filled out this application honestly. I understand that omission of information, failure to answer all questions truthfully and/or failure to sign the application may result in delayed processing or denial of the application.
- I give Puppy Love, Inc. permission to verify the information provided as well as contact veterinarians and other listed contacts.
- If the application passes this review, I understand a home and yard visit may be requested by Puppy Love, Inc. before an adoption decision is made.
- In addition, I understand the adoption decision is dependent on many factors, including but not limited to the compatibility of the family and home to the individual animal, and other applications received for this animal

Signature(s):

Date: _____

Printed Full Name(s):

