



## Dog Adoption Application

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Please print clearly and answer all questions.

| For Staff / Reception Use Only        |                     |              |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| Animal's Name: _____                  | ID #: _____ - _____ | Sex: M F     |  |
| Desc. of Animal: _____                | Age: _____          | Altered? Y N |  |
| Heartworm Test: n/a negative positive |                     |              |  |
| Staff Coordinator Initials: _____     | Date: _____         |              |  |

Name of Dog Applying for: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

| Applicant Information   |                           |                     |                       |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Applicant's Name: _____ | Driver's License #: _____ |                     |                       |
| Local Address: _____    | Apt #: _____              |                     |                       |
| City: _____             | State: _____              | Zip: _____          |                       |
| Home Phone #: _____     | Cell Phone #: _____       | Work Phone #: _____ |                       |
| Email: _____            |                           |                     |                       |
| Age Range: _____        | 18-25                     | _____ 26-35         | _____ 36-50 _____ 50+ |

| Residence Information   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Is your home near a busy highway or road? _____ Yes _____ No                  |  |  |  |
| Do you own or rent? _____ Own _____ Rent                                      |  |  |  |
| Type of Residence: _____ House _____ Apartment _____ Mobile-Home _____ Duplex |  |  |  |
| Property Owner's Name: _____  |  | Property Owner's Phone #: _____                      |  |
| How long have you lived here? _____   |  |  |  |
| # of Adults in house: _____   |  | # of Children in house: _____ Children's Ages: _____ |  |

| Current Pets   |                |             |            |       |             |       |
|--|----------------|-------------|------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Do you currently have pets in your household? _____ Yes _____ No |                |             |            |       |             |       |
| Species  | Spay/Neutered? | Kept Where? | Time Owned | Age   | Name of Pet |       |
| Dog  | Cat            | Yes No      | In Out     | _____ | _____       | _____ |
| Dog  | Cat            | Yes No      | In Out     | _____ | _____       | _____ |
| Dog  | Cat            | Yes No      | In Out     | _____ | _____       | _____ |
| Dog  | Cat            | Yes No      | In Out     | _____ | _____       | _____ |
| Other?   | Yes No         | In Out      | _____      | _____ | _____       | _____ |
| If you have unaltered animals, why? _____                        |                |             |            |       |             |       |

| Previous Pets  |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
|--|----------------|-------------|-----|-------------|----------------------|-------|------------------------|--|--|
| Have you previously had pets?  |                | Yes         |     |             | No                   |       |                        |  |  |
| Species  | Spay/Neutered? | Kept Where? |     | Name of Pet | Years Had            |       | What Happened          |  |  |
|  | Yes No         | In          | Out |             | From                 | To    |                        |  |  |
| Dog Cat  | Yes No         | In          | Out | _____       | _____                | _____ | _____                  |  |  |
| Dog Cat  | Yes No         | In          | Out | _____       | _____                | _____ | _____                  |  |  |
| Dog Cat  | Yes No         | In          | Out | _____       | _____                | _____ | _____                  |  |  |
| Dog Cat  | Yes No         | In          | Out | _____       | _____                | _____ | _____                  |  |  |
| Other?   | Yes No         | In          | Out | _____       | _____                | _____ | _____                  |  |  |
| Veterinarian Reference   |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| Name of Veterinarian: _____  |                |             |     |             | Vet's Phone #: _____ |       |                        |  |  |
| Vet's Address: _____   |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| Is the vet reference under <b>another name</b> ? If so name and reason: _____  |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| _____  |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| How long have you used this vet? _____   |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| Do you use other vet resources, such as Cara-Van?  |                |             |     |             |                      |       | _ Yes ___ No           |  |  |
| Explain: _____   |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| Questions  |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| Who will be responsible for daily care/feeding of this dog? _____  |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| Who will financially support this dog? _____   |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| Reason for wanting this dog? _____   |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| Where will you keep this dog? _____  |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| Do all members of this household WANT this dog? _____  |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| If you have young children, they need to be educated on how to interact with the dog in order to prevent dog bites, are you able/willing to do that? |                |             |     |             |                      |       | ___ Yes ___ No         |  |  |
| How many hours will your dog spend alone? _____  |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| What amount of time will the dog be inside? _____  |                |             |     |             | outside? _____       |       |                        |  |  |
| If adopting an outside dog, do you have a doghouse? ___ Yes ___ No   |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| If adopting an outside dog, do you have a fenced yard? ___ Yes ___ No  |                |             |     |             |                      |       | Height of fence? _____ |  |  |
| If adopting an outside dog, do you have a shaded area? ___ Yes ___ No  |                |             |     |             |                      |       |                        |  |  |
| Do you plan to chain your dog outside? _____   |                |             |     |             |                      |       | ___ Yes ___ No         |  |  |
| Do you realize that an outside dog may entertain itself by digging, chewing home items and/or escaping and wandering?                                |                |             |     |             |                      |       | ___ Yes ___ No         |  |  |

**Questions**

What will you do if your dog shows destructive behavior? (Digging, chewing, jumping, tearing up plants/furniture or running off) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you realize that you will probably have to houstrain your new puppy/dog?  Yes  No

Would you like information on how to houstrain your new puppy/dog?  Yes  No

If adopting an adult dog, how many times per day will you exercise it?  1  2  3

What form of exercise will you provide for your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have this dog vaccinated annually, by a veterinarian, against infectious disease?  Yes  No

Are you familiar with heartworm disease?  Yes  No

Will you maintain your dog on heartworm preventative?  Yes  No

Do you realize that dogs often live longer than 10 years and are you willing to assume responsibility for that long?  Yes  No

How will you keep the dog confined to your property? (check all that apply)

House  Outside Kennel  Fence  Chain  Patio

Garage  Leash  Crate Inside  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What brand/type of food do you plan to feed this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about the Darlington County Humane Society?

Friend  TV  Newspaper  Relative  Radio

Billboard  Petfinder  Internet  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to adopt from this shelter before today?  Yes  No

If yes, what date? \_\_\_\_\_ Pet Adopted?  Yes  No

Where is this animal now? \_\_\_\_\_

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Provide Two References:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Notes/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I certify the above is true and that false information may result in nullifying this adoption. I understand that Darlington County Humane Society will verify my references provided above and it may take up to 96 hours for verifications to be completed and for me to be notified of the decision. I also understand that Darlington County Humane Society has the right to refuse adoption to anyone. I understand that no animal can be held for me. I also understand that if for ANY reason, I can't keep the animal adopted from the Darlington County Humane Society, I will return it to the shelter. I understand that I am prohibited from re-homing the animal to anyone and I must return the animal to the shelter if I can't continue to keep and care for the animal.

Darlington County Humane Society may require a home visit prior to approval. Darlington County Humane Society may conduct follow up home visits after adoption.

I consent to the release of my records from the veterinarian(s) listed above, for the purpose of conducting a veterinarian reference check as part of the evaluation of this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Application Review (DCHS Use Only)

Confidential Adoption Counselor Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Application Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date