

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ACR# \_\_\_\_\_



OAKLAND ANIMAL SERVICES  
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# DOG ADOPTION Questionnaire

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**OAS STAFF/VOLUNTEER USE ONLY**

ID VERIFIED (Inc. age) \_\_\_\_\_

PROOF SHOWN: OWN \_\_\_ RENT \_\_\_

DATABASE CHECKED \_\_\_\_\_

TIME SPENT WITH DOG \_\_\_\_\_

EVERYONE HERE \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you understand that your name and information will be checked in our system to confirm that you do not have any history of animal abuse, neglect, or irresponsible pet ownership? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2. Are you 18 years or older (required)? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ (please be prepared to show valid ID)

3. Why do you want a dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Why did you select this particular dog? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many people live in the home? \_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_ Children \_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are there children who visit the home regularly? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

7. How many other animals do you currently have? Dogs \_\_\_ Cats \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
If you have dogs, what breeds? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you had dogs in the past? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what happened to them \_\_\_\_\_

9. Where will the dog stay during the day? Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Where will the dog stay at night? Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. On average, how long will the dog be alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Where will the dog be kept when it is alone? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you have a yard? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ How high is the fence around yard? \_\_\_ Locked? \_\_\_

14. How will you exercise your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you understand that your new dog may show unexpected and unwanted behaviors, such as destructive chewing, loud/excessive barking, dog aggression, separation anxiety and even signs of human aggression, when he/she becomes comfortable in your home? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

16. How will you handle behavior problems when they appear? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. If you will use a dog trainer or attend dog training classes, list their information here: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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- 18. This dog may not be housebroken. How will you housetrain the dog? \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. What is the name of the veterinarian to whom you will take your dog? \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. What would you do with the dog if something happened and you could no longer keep the dog?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 21. How did you hear about Oakland Animal Services? \_\_\_\_\_

As a Responsible Dog Caretaker (Please read and initial each item)	Initial Here
• I will provide my dog with good care, including making sure my dog has appropriate food, water, shelter, veterinary care, exercise, toys and attention.	
• I will make sure my dog has a current <b>rabies vaccination</b> (after the age of four months), has a <b>current license</b> and wears a collar with <b>current license tag</b> attached.	
• I will register my dog’s microchip with the microchip company and notify Oakland Animal Services and that company if my address/phone number changes.	
• I will keep my dog on a leash in public areas and avoid taking my dog into City of Oakland Parks (except in specifically marked locations).	
• I will limit the number of dogs in my household to 3 (for residents of Oakland).	
• I will watch for any signs that my dog is developing any behavior problems, especially signs of aggression towards or other animals, and address these issues quickly, such as contacting a dog trainer for assistance. I understand that it is never recommended to leave my dog unsupervised with children.	
• I will take the appropriate actions to prevent my dog from barking incessantly and disturbing the peace and comfort of others. I understand that it is not recommended to leave my dog outside at night.	
• I understand that it is illegal to keep my dog chained or tethered.	
• I have considered the time and financial demands of having a dog. I understand that caring for a dog can cost approximately \$50 - \$100 a month and that I need to spend time with my dog each day to keep my dog healthy and happy.	
• I have checked with my homeowner’s insurance or landlord if I am going to adopt a dog such as a Rottweiler, Pitbull, Chow, Akita, Doberman, etc. since some insurance companies and landlords discriminate based on breed.	
• I understand that if I am no longer able to keep or care for my adopted dog and I am unable to re-home the dog, I will bring the dog back to Oakland Animal Services within one year.	

**I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that Oakland Animal Services reserves the right to deny the adoption of any animal.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**If selected as an adopter:**

**STATEMENT OF ADOPTER ( NO WARRANTY)**

I (we) hereby acknowledge receipt of the animal known as \_\_\_\_\_ ACR#. I (we) understand that Oakland Animal Services makes **NO WARRANTY** in regard to the animal’s ownership, condition, disposition, past behavior and health and the OAS can only give the information provided with adoption. I (we) agree in that City of Oakland and/or its officers and/or employees shall not be liable, answerable or accountable in any manner for the injury to any person or damage to property or loss of use thereof caused by said officers and employees from any suits, claims or actions brought by any person or persons for or on account of any bodily injuries, disease, illness or damage caused by said animal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date