

WEE RESCUE PLACEMENT POLICIES

Please read before filling out our Questionnaire:

ADOPTION PROCESS

1. Request and fill out a placement questionnaire/application. Your application will be reviewed and you will be interviewed at a "Meet & Greet" event or by telephone.
2. Upon approval of your application, and reference verifications, a home visit will be conducted by a Wee Rescue volunteer.
3. Once a match between a dog and you is mutually discussed and agreed upon, the adoption contract is signed and the adoption fee is paid. Then you and your new best friend begin your new lives together.

PLACEMENT POLICIES

- **We do not adopt to families with children under the age of 8.**
- We only adopt our dogs to homes in the Austin metro area and nearby communities.
- There are times when more than one person wants the same dog. We take multiple applications on each dog and make every effort to match the right dog with the right family. There may be times when the dog that you are interested in may not be the right match for you and/or your family. If that is the case, please know that it is not necessarily a reflection on you or your ability to love and care for a dog. We base our placement decisions on the specific needs of each of our dogs.
- There is an adoption fee of \$350, which is non-refundable. We are a non-profit organization and all of the fees that are collected go directly to the care of our dogs. We are entirely staffed by volunteers and there are no paid organization members.
- Completing an application does not insure approval for adoption from our organization. Wee Rescue reserves the right to refuse adoption to anyone who we believe cannot/will not provide an appropriate environment for the breeds that we rescue.
- We do not adopt our dogs to homes that have intact (not neutered or not spayed) animals.

Please tear off and keep this first sheet of the Questionnaire

Wee Rescue Placement Questionnaire

This questionnaire is intended to be a guide to help you think about all the ways a new dog will impact your life. All of the questions concern various aspects of dog ownership that should be given serious consideration before deciding to share your life with any dog. We understand that this questionnaire is a bit long, but given that the dog you adopt may be with you for the next 10 years or so we feel that the extra time spent now will ensure that the dog you adopt will be the right dog for you.

Please email this application to info@weerescue.org , or fax to 512-857-1002.

Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____ HV: _____ Other: _____ v2.3

Me and My Family

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Best time to call: _____

Email: _____

Age of Applicant: _____ Occupation: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Driver's License Number/State: _____

Please list each person living at your residence below including ages.

Name	Age	Relation to You

The Dog We Want

Breed/Mix: _____ Age: _____ Adult Weight: _____

Sex: _____ Reason for sex preference: _____

Activity Level: _____ Temperament _____

Why do you want to adopt a dog? _____

What role will your dog play in your life? _____ My Companion _____ Jogging Buddy

_____ Friend for Child _____ Company for other Dog _____ Other _____

Specific dog(s) in our program you are interested in: _____

Why are you interested in the breed/dog(s) you specified? _____

Please describe what you feel is the ideal dog for you and your family: _____

Are you willing to accept a dog with special medical needs? _____

Are you willing to take a dog with a history of neglect/abuse who needs extra love and attention? _____

Are you willing to accept a dog that has a physical handicap (for example, hard of hearing, partial or total blindness, etc.)? If yes, please specify _____

What are your expectations about owning a dog? _____

Why are you interested in a rescue dog? _____

History of Pet Ownership. What animals **currently** live in the household?

Name	Type of Pet (Breed if Dog)	Sex M or F	Altered Yes or No	Age	How Long Owned	Where Kept

Please list all **dogs** you have owned **in the past** and explain what happened to them..

Name	Breed	Age	How Long Owned	What Happened to this Dog

If you have children, have they had any problems with dogs:_____ If Yes, Please Explain:

Have you had any complaints about your pets? _____ If Yes, Please elaborate:

If you have never owned a dog before, have you ever lived in a household with a dog? _____

If yes, did you have any dog care responsibilities? _____ Please explain: _____

Of the dogs that you own or have owned, what do you enjoy most about dog ownership?

What do you like least about dog ownership? _____

Life Style

The number one reason dogs are surrendered to Animal Shelters is due to the owner moving. Are you willing to ensure that if you have to move you make arrangements for your dog to move with you? _____

Does everyone in the family want a dog? _____

How much time do you have to spend with your dog? _____

Who will have primary responsibility for the care of the dog? _____

Approximately how many hours a day will your new dog be alone? (Check one)

*3 hours or less

*More than 3 hours, but less than 6

*More than 6 hours, but less than 12

*More than 12, but less than 18

*More than 18, but less than 12

Where will your dog spend the day?

*Loose indoors?

*Basement?

*Crate?

*Garage?

*Kennel Run?

*Loose outdoors in fenced yard?

Where will the dog be when you aren't home? _____

Where will the dog sleep at night? _____

Do you travel frequently? _____ If yes, who will take care of your dog while you are away?

Have you asked yourself whether your lifestyle is so busy you might not have the time or energy to properly care for a new dog? _____

In the event that something happens to you, what arrangements have you made for the care of your pet(s)? _____

Are you willing to provide training to resolve behavior problems? _____

To facilitate the bonding process we recommend every dog owner attend some introductory obedience training. Would a formal obedience training program be something in which you would be willing to participate? _____ If NO please provide a brief explanation:

What would be your response if your dog made a mistake? _____

What amount of time and effort do you want to devote to training your dog?

What is your initial reaction to the idea of disciplining your dog? _____

What is your definition of disciplining a dog? _____

Your Home / Yard

Do you live in a: ___ Single House ___ Town House ___ Apartment
 ___ Duplex ___ Trailer ___ Other

Do you Own or Lease? _____

If you lease do you have written permission from your landlord to have a dog? _____

Have you paid a pet deposit? _____ Property Name: _____

Landlord's Name: _____ Landlord's Number: _____

Is your yard, or a portion of your yard, securely fenced? _____ Type: _____ Height: _____

Is the fence secure and solid? _____ Can children open the gates? _____

What type of gates? _____ Can a dog dig under the fence? _____

What types of improvements are needed to provide a secure yard? _____

Are you willing to make the improvements? _____ When and how long will it take? _____

If you have a pool is it fenced? _____

If you do not have access to a fenced area, please explain how you plan to exercise your dog and allow it to relieve itself? _____

Are you aware of any distractions outside your yard that could plague the dog? (such as neighbors dog or cat, loose dogs on street, mischievous children) _____

Is your lifestyle such that friends, relatives and children gain admittance to your home, property and car without your supervision? _____ Can strangers gain access to your yard?

Commitment, Care & Responsibility

Many small breeds can live from between 10 to 15 years. To get an idea how long your dog's lifetime may be, consider how old you will be 15 years from now.

Answer each of the following questions. Feel free to write a short response to any question you feel unable to answer with a single word phrase.

Shih Tzus, Lhasas, Pekingese and many of the smaller breeds are high maintenance dogs. You may love the breed but do you have the time or the financial resources to devote to their upkeep?

Are you prepared to pay someone \$35, or more, every 6 weeks for grooming or purchase a grooming table, clippers, scissors and other accessories and devote the time to learn to groom your dog yourself?

Are you willing to spend approximately one hour each week brushing and combing out your dog (or more if it gets into burrs or gets wet)? This additional maintenance is required whether dog is being professionally groomed or you are grooming your dog yourself.

Are you prepared to deal with the cost of both routine veterinarian care (worming, annual shots, flea treatment and heartworm preventative) and non routine/emergency veterinary care, especially as the dog gets older?

Are you familiar with heartworm and flea prevention?

If you presently have a dog(s), is it on heartworm medication? What Brand?

References

Please provide your veterinarian as a reference:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Clinic: _____

Please provide two personal references. References could include a neighbor, your employer, or a friend who owns a dog.

Name	Phone Number	Relationship to applicant
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your answers will permit us to more effectively match available dogs' needs with your lifestyle and requirements. If you have any comments or concerns about adopting a dog or about our rescue program please share them with us. We are always interested and open to your viewpoint.

This Rescue Organization is a nonprofit organization working to ensure the continued welfare of all small breed abandoned and homeless dogs by rehabilitating and placing them from various situations, including rescues from shelters.

In order to complete the adoption process, you will be asked to sign an Adoption Contract which requires, among other things, that the dog be returned to the organization immediately should you no longer be able to keep it. It may not be sold, transferred, or given to any individual or establishment.

In the unlikely event that the dog is unaltered, you will be required to have it spayed or neutered as soon as medically possible. Under no circumstances should the dog be bred. You will also be required to take the dog to a veterinarian within 14 days of the date of the Adoption Contact for a check up and any necessary medical treatment.

All of the information I have provided in the questionnaire is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Should a dog be placed with me it will reside in my home as a pet. I agree to provide the dog with adequate food, water, shelter, affection and medical care.

Wee Rescue makes no representation as to the physical condition, temperament, habits, personality features or other aspects of the dogs available for adoption. Wee Rescue is in no way liable or responsible for any damage, accident, or injury resulting from the placement of a dog into my household or the future conduct of the dog.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date of Application: _____

Additional Information

How did you find out about our organization? _____

Would you consider fostering a rescue dog? _____

Would you consider volunteering as a Meet & Greet helper? _____

Would you consider helping with fundraising efforts? _____

Comments: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Date: _____