



Heartland Humane Society



Application to adopt a dog/puppy

Name of dog/puppy you wish to adopt: _____

Our purpose at Heartland Humane Society is to place an animal in a good and responsible home where it will receive proper care, love and supervision for life so that it does not ever become a stray again. This application is to assist us in the careful selection of home placement for pets we have available to adopt. You must be 18 years or older to adopt. We reserve the right to refuse any pet adoption.

Date: _____

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Full Name of Spouse / Partner / Roommate _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Email: _____

Why do you want to adopt? Companion Companion for another Hunting For child Family Pet Gift for _____

Other _____

Have you ever adopted from an animal shelter before? If so, when/where? _____

Have you ever been refused adoption of a pet from any other shelter? _____

Personal reference: *(please contact your personal reference and let them know to expect our call!)*

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Your Veterinarian:

Doctor: _____ Clinic/Hospital: _____

Phone: _____

When was the last visit to your vet: _____ Reason for the visit: _____

Can you commit to care for a dog you adopt for its whole life (preventative medication may cost \$150-200 each year, food and pet supplies may cost \$100+ each year)? _____

Your home:

Where do you live? (House, Condo, Townhouse, Duplex, Apartment, Dorm, Mobile home):

_____ (if mobile home, do you rent your lot?) _____

Do you own or rent? _____ Landowner's name: _____

Landowner's address: _____ Phone: _____

How many adults are in the home: _____ Do you have children? _____

Number: _____ Ages: _____ Do you have children visiting often? _____

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Please note that a majority of the dogs we get in our program have been given up because the family has young children and cannot provide the animal with enough attention and exercise due to their family obligations. For this reason we do not adopt certain animals who need lots of exercise to families with children under 5 years old.

What portion of your property is fenced? _____

If fenced, what type is it, how high and is it completely secure? _____

If you do not have a secure, fenced-in yard, how do you plan to exercise your dog? (HHS DOES NOT ADOPT to anyone whose intentions are to keep their dog chained to a stake, dog house, or tree)

Who will be responsible for feeding the dog you adopt? _____

Will your new dog be kept inside or outside (or both)? _____

If your dog is to be an outside animal, what year-round shelter is provided for its protection?

(barn, dog house, porch, garage, other): _____

Have you ever owned a dog before? _____ Have you ever bred animals? _____

List ALL pets in the home currently and within the past 5 years:

Type/Breed	Where kept	Age	Spayed/Neutered	Vaccinated	Still Own?	If No, why not?

Does anyone in your household have allergies? _____ If so, what kinds?

If you move in the future, what will you do with the pet you're adopting and your other pets?

A representative of HHS may make a follow-up visit to see how the dog you have adopted is settling into their new home. What would be a convenient time to stop by?

How many hours will the animal be alone in the home without human companionship?

During the day? _____ At night? _____ How many days a week? _____

Do you travel for work? _____ Where will the dog be kept when you're out of town? _____

Do you plan to use a chain, rope or cable as the only means of keeping the dog confined? _____

Do you understand that state laws may require vaccinating, leashing and licensing dogs? _____

Have you ever been involved with an animal control department? _____

How will you train or handle:

Do you plan to housetrain the dog? _____ If so how will you do this? _____

I am a dog, so I will bark, run, chew and play. How will you handle this? _____

It may take me two weeks to adjust to my new home, or longer if other pets are there. Are you willing to give me this much time to adjust? _____

By signing below, I certify that the information is true and that I will recognize that any misrepresentation of facts may result in me losing the privilege of adoption or keeping an adopted pet. I understand that HHS has the right to deny my request to adopt an animal and I authorize investigation of all statements in this application. I understand that this application is the property of HHS.

It is Iowa law that all animals adopted from a humane shelter must be spayed or neutered. Furthermore, HHS only adopts to homes where all the current pets are spayed or neutered. We reserve the right to refuse adoption to anyone for any reason, and failure to comply with specifications in this agreement constitutes just cause for HHS to revoke the adoption arrangement by removing the animal from your ownership and care, resulting with full ownership of the pet reverting back to HHS.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff: _____ Date: _____

Please provide staff with a current photo ID that has your correct physical address listed. A copy of this ID will be attached to this application for your records. If you are approved you will need to bring some type of carrier upon adoption to transport your animal, along with a collar and leash.