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DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

As a non-profit, animal welfare agency, our goal is to promote responsible animal care and prevent the abuse and suffering of companion animals. The CCHS Adoption Program screens applicants in order to determine if the needs of a specific shelter animal fit the lifestyle expectations of the potential owner. This method has proven successful to save more homeless animals and reduce the risk of failed adoptions. **Completing this application does not guarantee adoption approval. You must be over 21 years to adopt. Please complete this application. Missing or unclear information may delay or prevent approval.** Please allow our staff two to three days to process this information. Our staff will be contacting you during this process concerning any questions. Your patience is greatly appreciated!

Today's Date: _____/_____/_____ Your Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____

NAME OR TYPE OF DOG YOU WISH TO ADOPT: _____

Your Full Name: _____

Spouse/Partner/Roommate's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____

Your Occupation: _____ Work Phone: _____

Spouse/Other Occupation: _____ Work Phone: _____

1. Do you: _____ OWN HOME _____ RENT _____ Live with family _____ Military Housing

OTHER: _____ How long have you lived at current address: _____

Landlord's Name and Phone Number: _____

If less than ONE YEAR, previous address: _____

Do you plan to move: YES NO If YES, when: _____

2. What best describes the type of area in which you live: ___ Urban/City ___ Town ___ Rural/Farm
___ Suburban ___ Single Family Home ___ Apartment/Condo/Townhouse ___ Mobile Home

3. Does anyone living in your home have any known allergies to animals: YES NO

If YES, please explain: _____

4. Children living in household: Number: _____ Ages: _____

5. Adults living in household: Number: _____ Relationship to you: _____

6. Are all adult members of household aware of and in agreement with adopting a new pet: YES NO

7. Do all adult members of household work: YES NO

8. What hours are adults at home: _____

9. Please list any pets that you CURRENTLY own:

Pet's Name	Type of animal & Breed	Age & Sex	Spayed Neutered (yes/no)	Lives Inside OR outside (or BOTH)	Where did you get this pet?	Years Owned

**If you have additional animals, please list their information on a separate sheet of paper and attach.

10. Is this your first experience owning a dog: YES NO

IF YES: HAVE YOU RESEARCHED DOG AND/OR PUPPY CARE: YES NO

IF NO: PLEASE LIST BELOW ANY PETS YOU HAVE HAD IN THE PAST

Pet's name	Type of Animal & Breed	Kept Inside, outside or both	Spayed Neutered (Y/N)	When did you have this pet?	Where is this Pet now

**If you have had additional animals in the past, please list their information on a separate sheet of paper and attach.

11. Name of current and/or past Veterinarian: _____
 Veterinarian's Telephone Number: _____
12. What personality or qualities are you looking for in a dog: ___Indoor House Dog ___Outside Dog
 ___Protection Dog ___Gift for Someone ___Child's Dog ___Hunting Dog ___For Breeding
 ___Companion for another dog/cat
13. Rate the activity level in your household: ___Mellow/Quiet ___Busy with frequent visitors
 ___Active family with kids ___Very busy/sometimes hectic
14. When outdoors, how will this dog be confined to your property: ___Leash Walked ___Fenced Yard
 TYPE and HEIGHT of fence: _____
 ___Electric Fence ___Tie Out/Cable Run ___Chain/Dog House ___Garage ___Free Roam
 ___Outside Kennel: Type and Size: _____
15. Puppies and many adult dogs will need to be housetrained. What training method do you plan to use:
 ___Crate Training: If crating, have you researched this method : YES NO ___Newspaper
 ___Keeping Outside ___Gating in small area ___Punishment ___Taking outside frequently
16. When you are home, where will the dog be kept? _____
17. Where will the dog sleep? _____
18. When no one is home (i.e. at work, shopping), where will the dog stay (be specific)? _____

19. Are you familiar with Canine Heartworm disease and how to prevent it: YES NO
20. Are you familiar with Animal Control ordinances and required licensing in your area: YES NO
21. Have you ever taken a dog to Obedience Classes before: YES NO
 Are you planning on taking this dog/puppy: YES NO
22. Have you researched the financial cost of properly caring for a dog: YES NO
23. Will you take this dog for a complete veterinary exam within 10 days of adoption: YES NO
24. Are you familiar with introducing your new dog to your home, other pets, or children: YES NO
25. Adopted and rehomed dogs may experience stress or confusion in a new environment at first. Patience and retraining are required. Do you agree to allow several weeks for this dog/puppy to adjust to it's new home: YES NO If no, please explain: _____
26. What arrangements will be made for this dog when you are away from home or on vacation:

27. Would you agree to a “home visit” by a volunteer to your home prior to and/or after adoption (by appointment only): YES NO

28. Please list two references that are familiar with your family and lifestyle (only one relative, please). Include a daytime phone number so that we may reach them during normal business hours.

NAME: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

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Please take a moment to review your application. Missing or unclear information may delay or prevent approval.

I have read the above information carefully and have filled out this application honestly. I understand that omission of information and/or failure to answer all questions honestly can result in this application being declined. Also, if an omission or untruth is discovered after an adoption takes place, I understand that the Caroline County Humane Society (CCHS) reserves the right to annul the adoption and reclaim the animal. I give CCHS permission to fully investigate the information provided as well as contact veterinarians and related officials

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 on this animal. I understand that their decision is final, and therefore I will not argue with the decision.

SIGNED: _____ **Date:** _____