



**SECONDHAND  
MUTTS**

Cage-Free & Friendly  
Dog Adoption Center

Respect the dog.

APPLICANT NAME:		DATE:	
ADDRESS:		PHONE:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP:		EMAIL:	
REQUESTED PET:		DOG AGE:	
COLOR/DESCRIPTION:		DOG SEX:	

Thank you for contacting Secondhand Mutts to apply for one of our adoptable dogs. Because we are a 100% volunteer-run organization, our process for finalizing the adoption could take up to a week before you can take a dog home. **We know our dogs inside and out and require potential adopters to complete the Adoption Application in advance of visiting our dogs.** You can download the form online or request it at [rescue@secondhandmutts.org](mailto:rescue@secondhandmutts.org). Once the application is completed and mailed, faxed or dropped off at our facility, we will review it and determine if the dog you are interested in will be a match for your household. We will then call you to schedule a meet and greet. We show our dogs by appointment only after the Adoption Application is reviewed. Our visiting hours are posted on our website. After meeting the dog(s) you can then let us know if you want to proceed with the application process. We do not hold dogs, or give first come first serve privileges. We will contact you regardless of your application being approved or not approved. Our goal is to find the best possible match for our dogs, and the decision process is not always easy for our adoption committee. The process will continue as follows:

1. Our volunteers will check your veterinary and personal references and follow up with you if there are any unanswered questions or concerns. This can take up to 72 hours, but can move quickly if you notify your personal references that we will be calling. Please be patient and refrain from calling us during the 72 hours.
2. After references are checked, we will contact you to let you know the status of your application.
3. If your application is approved, we will set up an adoption time that allows you to spend as much time as possible with your new dog after taking him or her home. Typically adoptions are finalized on Fridays or Saturdays, but exceptions are made.
4. When you pick up your dog, you will be asked to sign a contract and pay the adoption fee in cash or check payable to Secondhand Mutts. We will provide you with your dog's medical records along with other informative printed materials.

## ADOPTION APPLICATION

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What type of dog are you interested in? Consider age, size, gender, activity level, etc.

What are your expectations for your new pet?

If you have pets currently, how will you integrate the new dog into the pack? What steps will you take if current animal(s) do not accept the new dog immediately?

How many hours per day will your pet be left alone? Where will the pet be kept when its alone?

What activities will you engage in with your new pet?

What is your philosophy or experience with dog training/dog behavior?

### **HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

How many people (adults + children) live in your home? Please state their ages and relationships to you.

Have your children been around dogs? If not, how will you teach your children to interact with your new dog?

If you do not have children living in your home how often do children visit your home?

Do you own or rent your residence?

If you rent, please provide your landlord's name and telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced-in yard?  Yes  No      If yes, type and height of fence:

If no, would you consider building a fence?  Yes  No

How much space is available in your yard for your new pet?

Please list the types of animals and their corresponding age currently living in your home:

Are all of your current animals spayed or neutered? If no, why?

How long have you owned your current pets?

Are your pets up to date on vaccinations, heartworm and flea preventative?

Are your pets socialized with dogs (dog park, friend/relatives dogs, daycare, etc.)?

Where are your current pets kept (inside, outside, crated, etc.)?

How often do you travel? Where do your pets stay when you travel?

Have you ever adopted a pet from a shelter or rescue organization? If yes, when and where did you get it?

Have you ever surrendered a pet? If yes, please explain.

Are you comfortable that you have the financial resources to deal with any unexpected vet expenses that may arise? If your dog were sick or injured, are you prepared to take money that you had allocated for other things (vacations, etc.) to pay for the dog's vet expenses? How would you feel about doing that?

**REFERENCE INFORMATION**

Veterinarian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal References:** Please do not list only immediate family for your personal references. We would like to have one contact be one of your immediate neighbors in addition to two others.

#1 \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#3 \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add any additional information here you would like us to know about you, your family, and/or your household when our adoption committee is considering you for the pet you have applied for:

**\*\*\* PLEASE ALLOW UP TO 72-HOURS TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION\*\*\***