Dog Surrender Profile

Dogs can't talk, so they can't tell us where or with whom they would like to live. To your dog’s new home is a safe, happy and appropriate place for them to live, we need you to fill out this form with as much detail as possible. Detailed and honest information from you is crucial to our placement process, so please take the time to fill out this profile with care and accuracy. If you need more space for an answer, please continue your response on the back of the page, using an arrow to indicate that you have done so.

Undesirable behaviors and medical issues do not necessarily create problems in placement, however, not disclosing these problems definitely does. Dishonest or incomplete responses can undermine the safety and happiness of both your dog and the adopting family. If there are any questions that are unclear, or that you are uncomfortable answering for any reason, please ask to speak directly to one of our helpful staff members.

1. Shelter Arrival Date: ____________
2. Dog’s Name: _________________
3. Dog’s Age: _________________
4. Gender: ___Male   ___Female
5. What breed is this dog? ______________________________________
6. Is this dog Spayed/Neutered (Fixed)? ___Yes    ___No
7. How long have you owned this dog? _____________
8. How/Where did you acquire ownership of this dog? Please provide as much detail as possible:
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
9. What were you told about this dog when you got him/her?
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
10. To your knowledge, how many homes has this dog had prior to yours? ________________________________
11. Why are you unable to keep this dog? Please list as many reasons as needed.
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
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12. If your reason involves behavioral problems, how long has the problem been going on? ____________________________________________________________

13. Have you tried to find a home for this dog on your own?  __Yes  __No
    If so, how did you go about this?

14. Have you contacted any breed-specific rescue groups for help in re-homing your dog? ____________________________________________________________

15. Does this dog have a microchip?
    If so, what brand?  __Yes  __No  Brand:___________________________________________

Lifestyle

16. Please check all of the types of animals this dog has lived with:
    ___Male Dogs  ___Female Dogs  ___Male Cats  ___Female Cats
    ___Small Animals - If so, what kind:__________________________________________
    ___Farm Animals - If so, what kind:__________________________________________
    ___Other (Please explain):___________________________________________________

17. Describe the dog’s behavior around other dogs (check all that apply):
    ___Never been around other dogs  ___Friendly/playful  ___Gentle/submissive
    ___Frightened  ___Rough houses  ___Ignores/Indifferent
    ___Aggressive with all dogs  ___Aggressive with same sex dogs  ___Aggressive on leash
    ___Adores other dogs  ___Bossy
    ___Starts off “on the wrong foot” when meeting other dogs
    ___Has excellent “canine” manners when meeting other dogs
    ___Other - explain: ___________________________________________________________

18. Would you recommend placing this dog in a home with other dogs?  __Yes  __No  __Maybe

19. Describe the dog’s behavior around cats (check all that apply):
    ___Never been around cats  ___Friendly/Playful  ___Gentle/Submissive
    ___Chases for fun  ___Chases to harm  ___Aggressive
    ___Ignores or is indifferent  ___Respectful  ___Frightened
    ___Has killed a cat

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20. Would you recommend placing this dog in a home with cats? ___Yes ___No ___Maybe

21. Where was the dog when no human members of your family were at home?
   ___Free run of the house   ___Crated   ___In fenced yard   ___Invisible Fence
   ___In garage or basement   ___Outside on a chain or runner   ___Confined to the kitchen or bathroom
   ___Other (Please Explain): _________________________________________________________________

22. How many hours per day was the dog kept outside alone?
   ___None   ___Less than an hour   ___1-2 Hours   ___2-4 Hours
   ___More than 5 hours   ___Allowed inside only at night   ___Lived outdoors only
   ___Other (Please describe): _________________________________________________________________

23. Please explain how the dog was confined to your property when outside:
   ___Fenced Yard   ___Invisible Fence   ___Tie out, chain, or runner   ___Kennel or enclosure
   ___Dog house   ___Other: _________________________________________________________________

24. If your dog was kept outside, did he/she ever do any of the following?
   ___Sleep or sit quietly   ___Dig   ___Bark   ___Cry   ___Howl   ___Annoy the neighbors
   ___Act aggressively towards pedestrians or other animals   ___Become tangled in chain or rope
   ___Pant or suffer heat exhaustion in hot weather   ___Escape tie out/slip collar
   ___Pace or exhibit other obsessive behaviors   ___Climb or jump fences
   ___Other (please explain): _________________________________________________________________

25. When your dog was outside, was he/she ever bothered or bothered by people or other animals
   ___Yes ___No   If so, please explain: ______________________________________________________

26. Does the dog run after cars, bikes or pedestrians? ___Yes ___No
   If yes, what did the dog do when he/she got to them? _________________________________________

27. Please describe any problems you encountered confining the dog:
   ______________________________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________________

28. List five of your dog’s favorite places to be/go:
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

29. Please describe what a perfect day for your dog would look like. Please be as specific as possible.
   ______________________________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________________
30. Please describe any and all traits, habits or qualities that make this dog unique and special. **What is your favorite thing about this dog?**

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31. This dog has been boarded at:
___Private boarding facility  ___Veterinarian  ___Animal Shelter

How did the dog react to being boarded? ______________________________________________________

32. Where does the dog sleep at night? (Please check all that apply)
___Loose inside home  ___Confined to one room  ___In garage  ___Outside
___In child’s bedroom  ___In adult’s bedroom  ___On “people” bed  ___On dog bed
___On couch or chair  ___Crate  ___In doorways/entrances  ___Other:____________________________________

**Manners & Training**

33. Has this dog attended training classes?  ___Yes  ___No
   If so, where? ____________________________________

34. Do you think this dog would benefit from training?  ___Yes  ___No
   If so, what needs to be worked on? ________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

35. What additional training/performance activities did you participate in with your dog? (Check all that apply):
___Agility  ___Obedience  ___Flyball  ___Herding  ___Fieldwork
___Therapy dog certification  ___Schutzhund
___Other (please explain): _________________________________________________________________

36. Has this dog ever growled at another living creature or person?  ___Yes  ___No
   What did the dog growl at/what was happening?
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________

   Where was the dog when it growled?
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
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   What was the dog doing before it growled?
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
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37. Has this dog ever snapped at another living creature or person?  ___Yes ___No
What did the dog snap at/what was happening?
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
Where was the dog when it snapped?
_________________________________________________________________________________
What was the dog doing before it snapped?
_________________________________________________________________________________

38. Has this dog ever bitten another living creature or person?  ___Yes ___No
What did the dog bite/what was happening?
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
Where was the dog when it bit?
_________________________________________________________________________________
What was the dog doing before it bit?
_________________________________________________________________________________

Did the dog provide any warning before biting?
___Growling  ___Snapping  ___Running away  ___Showing teeth
Other: ___________________________________________________________

Please describe the resulting bite(s) (Check all that apply):
___Bruising with no puncture  ___Puncture (teeth went into skin, not very deep)
___Multiple bites at once  ___Bite with slashes or scratches (dog shook its head)
___Deep punctures  ___Dog did not release after bite

Please provide any additional detail as necessary:
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39. Is this dog housetrained?  ___Yes ___No
If not, please check all that apply:
___Urinates inside home daily  ___Urinates inside home occasionally
___Defecates inside home daily  ___Defecates inside home occasionally
40. Do your dog’s housetraining accidents most often happen when (check any that apply):
   ___When dog is not closely supervised    ___When dog is not kept on a schedule
   ___When dog is overexcited            ___When dog signals to be let out and is ignored
   ___When dog is sleeping
   ___Other (please explain): ________________________________

41. How have you dealt with this problem?
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________

42. Can the dog be allowed off leash and come when called?  ___Yes ___No

43. Did you crate train the dog?  ___Yes ___No
   If yes, how long did the dog spend in the crate each day? _________________________________

44. Can this dog be left alone loose in the house for eight hours a day without issues?
   ___Yes ___No     If not, why? ____________________________________________________________

45. Is the dog destructive if left alone inside the home?  ___Yes ___No
   If yes, what does the dog destroy? _______________________________________________________

46. Does the dog raid the trash or get into similar mischief?  ___Yes ___No

47. Will the dog “steal” unattended food and objects from tables/counters?  ___Yes ___No
   If so, how have you handled this problem? _____________________________________________

48. Please tell us about the desirable tricks and habits you have taught your dog to do (check all that apply):
   ___Basic obedience commands  ___Walk on a loose leash  ___Come when called  ___Play fetch
   ___Greets visitors politely  ___Take treats gently  ___Wait for food  ___Ride nicely in the car
   ___Go to his/her bed when asked  ___Get off/on furniture when invited
   ___Shake or similar cute tricks (please list): ____________________________________________
   ___Other: _______________________________________________________________________

48. Please describe the dog’s barking habits (check all that apply):
   ___Barks inside  ___Barks outside  ___Barks at strangers inside
   ___Barks at other animals  ___Barks when home alone  ___Barks for attention
   ___Barks during play  ___Barks when lonely  ___Barks for attention and is rewarded
   ___Rarely barks  ___Barks in car
   ___Other (please explain): ___________________________________________________________

49. What words does your dog understand and associate with a particular behavior:
   ___Sit  ___Stay  ___Down  ___Heel  ___Come  ___Leave it  ___Drop
   ___Wait  ___Off  ___Fetch  ___Doesn’t know any commands
   ___Other (explain): _________________________________________________________________
50. How often do you work with your dog on training? ____________________________________
51. Please describe what you reward your dog with during training: ________________________
52. Is the dog permitted to sit and/or sleep on the furniture?  ____Yes  ____No
   Does he or she get off the furniture without protest?  ____Yes  ____No
      If no, please describe behavior: ___________________________________________________
53. Describe the dog’s behavior in the car:
   ____Loves it  ____Hates it  ____Tolerates it  ____Nervous  ____Afraid, but OK
   ____Calm  ____Car sick  ____Protective of car  ____Destructive  ____Dog never rides in the car
   ____Other (please explain): _________________________________________________________
54. How does the dog react to being handled or corrected by the collar? (Check all that apply):
   ____Growls or barks  ____Offers strong resistance  ____Cowes or acts frightened
   ____Backs out of collar  ____Acts calm and accepting  ____Lies down
   ____Snaps or bites  ____Yelps or cries
   ____Other (explain): _______________________________________________________________
55. Does the dog jump up on people when greeting them?  ____Yes  ____No
56. Is the dog constantly underfoot when food is present?  ____Yes  ____No
57. Does the dog beg at the table or in the kitchen?  ____Yes  ____No
   Does the dog get food when it is begging?  ____Yes  ____No
58. Is the dog protective or possessive of any of the following?
   ____Of food (to other pets)  ____Of toys (to other pets)  ____Of his/her body  ____Of food (to people)
   ____Of toys (to people)  ____Of owner/family  ____Of property
   ____Other: ___________________________________________________________________
      If so, what does this behavior look like? ___________________________________________________________________
59. Please check all of the following that frighten this dog:
   ____Men  ____Women  ____Babies and toddlers  ____Children  ____Teenagers
   ____Unpredictable Children  ____Loud voices/yelling  ____Strangers/visitors  ____Water
   ____Erratic/sudden movement  ____Brooms  ____Thunder/Lightening  ____Cars
   ____Fireworks/Loud Noises  ____Veterinarian/Groomer  ____People in uniform  ____Vacuums
   ____Other (explain): __________________________________________________________________
60. Does your dog exhibit any of the following undesirable behaviors? (Check all that apply):
   ____Licks people  ____Barks for food or attention  ____Follows me everywhere
   ____Jumps on people  ____Runs out doors unexpectedly  ____Wanders away from house or yard
   ____Drools  ____Steals clothing or shoes
   ____Other: _____________________________________________________________________
61. Have you tried to correct or discourage any of these behaviors?  ___Yes ___No  
What do you use as a punishment or how do you discourage behaviors?

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62. Please describe any additional unappealing traits/habits this dog has, so that a new family is aware of them:

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Health and Grooming

63. Did the dog see a veterinarian on a regular basis? (At least once a year)  ___Yes ___No
64. How did the dog react going to the vet? ________________________________
65. Does the dog need to be muzzled at the vet?  ___Yes ___No
66. Has this dog ever been hit by a car or required surgery?  ___Yes ___No  
If so, please explain: ______________________________________________________
67. Has this dog ever been diagnosed or treated for any of the following by a veterinarian?
___Thyroid disease  ___Lyme disease  ___Heartworm disease  ___Arthritis
___Skin allergies  ___Irritable Bowel  ___Environmental allergies  ___Cancer
___Hip dysplasia  ___Heart Murmur  ___Chronic ear/eye infections  ___Entropion/ectropian eye
___Seizures  ___Lupus  ___Cataracts  ___Separation Anxiety
___Other major illness/condition: _______________________________________________
68. Does the dog require any medication on a regular basis? Please list and explain:

__________________________________________________________________________

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69. Does the dog allow you to clip his/her nails?  ___Yes ___No
70. Does the dog like to be brushed?  ___Yes ___No
71. Does the dog like to be bathed?  ___Yes ___No
72. Are there places on the dog’s body he/she does not like to be touched, brushed or petted? Please explain:

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73. Has the dog ever been professionally groomed?  ___Yes ___No  
If so, how did the dog behave? _______________________________________________

Diet, Exercise and Play
74. What **brand** of dog food does the dog eat?

75. How often do you feed the dog and how much?

76. Did you use dry food, wet food or a combination?

77. Does the dog receive “treats” on a regular basis?  ____Yes  ____No
   If so, what kind does he/she prefer?

78. Does your dog have any allergies or sensitivities to any grains or common ingredients?
   ____Yes  ____No
   If so, what grains or ingredients?
   Is there a specific type or brand of food or specific feeding regimen that has helped?

79. What are the dog’s favorite kinds of toys? (Check all that apply)
   ____Tennis/rubber ball  ____Frisbee  ____Squeaky toys  ____Rope Toys  ____Plastic bottles
   ____Plush/stuffed toys  ____Children’s toys  ____Sticks  ____Rocks  ____Shoes
   ____Shows no interest in toys  ____Other:

80. What does your dog do with his or her toys? (Check all that apply):
   ____Carries toys around in mouth  ____Plays “keep away”
   ____Tosses, chases or whips back and forth by himself  ____Chews them
   ____Tosses, chases, or plays tug of war with owner  ____Retrieves for owner
   ____Shreds/tears them apart  ____Buries or hides them
   ____“Comfort” behaviors (licking, nursing or cuddling)
   ____Other (explain):

81. Are there any type of toys this dog should not have?

82. What types of exercise does the dog get on a regular basis? (Several times a week at least)
   ____Walking on leash  ____Running off leash  ____Accompanies owner jogging
   ____Swimming  ____Dog park  ____Vigorous play
   ____Plays with other dogs  ____No exercise at all  ____Playing w/ kids
   ____Playing w/adults  ____Agility or herding work  ____Accompanies owner walking or hiking
   ____Other:

83. Does your dog get the chance to exercise to the point of being tired?
   ____Never  ____Once a week or less  ____Several times per week
84. What type of play/exercise does your dog enjoy the most?
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________________________________________________________________________________

85. Describe your dog’s play style with people (check all that apply):
___Just likes to hang out
___Does not use teeth or body strength
___Jumps and uses mouth in play
___Likes to play games with toys
___Games quickly escalate out of control
___Other: __________________________

___Plays gently
___Prefers Fetch
___Respects to chase
___Prefers to chase
___Respectful
___Tends to nip
___Tends to herd
___Plays roughly but stops when told
___No interest in playing with people

86. Please describe how your dog plays with other dogs (check all that apply):
___Will play with all dogs
___Plays hard with hip checks and body slams
___Adapts to whatever play style other dog has
___Cannot play with more than one dog at a time
___Likes to play with dogs smaller than themselves
___Likes to play with dogs who are gentle
___Has to be in charge in play situations
___Hangs out with other dogs rather than play
___Other: __________________________

___Plays chase with little dogs, no body contact
___Herds or nips others to get them to move
___Can play with more than one dog at a time
___Shares toys and plays quietly with other dogs
___Likes to play with dogs who are gentle
___Barks constantly
___Does not enjoy playing with other dogs at all

**Experience with Children**

*If your dog has never lived with or regularly visited with children, you may skip forward to the next section.*

Otherwise, please take the time to complete this section with accurate information so that we can make a safe and responsible placement with children in a new home. Your attention to detail is expected and appreciated.

87. Did your dog live with children in your home?  ___Yes ___No

If yes, what were the ages of the children? ____________________________________________

88. Would you recommend this dog live with children?  ___Yes ___No

Describe why or why not: __________________________________________________________

89. Did your home have children as visitors on a regular basis?  ___Yes ___No

If yes, what were the ages of the children? ____________________________________________

90. Would you recommend this dog be placed in a home where children visit on a regular basis?  ___Yes ___No

91. Were all interactions between dog and child(ren) supervised by an adult? Please explain:
____________________________________________________________________________________

92. In your opinion, what age children would live happily and safely with this dog?
93. Describe your dog’s behavior around children (check all that apply):

___Never been around children
___Friendly/playful
___Nervous/frightened
___Gentle
___Actively avoids children
___Indifferent
___Snappy at times
___Too active
___Adores Children
___Excited
___Does not trust children
___Aggressive
___Watches over children
___Unpredictable
___Other:

94. Please describe your children’s behavior around the dog the majority of the time (check all that apply):

___Ignored the dog
___Respectful
___Gentle
___Active
___Played rough
___Nervous/frightened
___Adored Dog
___Loving
___Loud
___Avoided dog
___Bored with dog
___Indifferent
___Abusive
___Unpredictable
___Treated dog as beloved family member
___Included dog in everyday activities
___Other:

95. Please answer these questions about your dog’s behavior around children and food:

Will the dog allow children to touch or handle food and water dishes without getting upset? ______

Does the dog try to take food from children when it is not offered? ____________________________

Does your child regularly offer food/treats to the dog? ____________________________

Will the dog take treats offered by child gently? ____________________________

Does the dog hover nearby when your child has food? ____________________________

Have your children fed or watered your dog on a daily basis? ____________________________

Do you have any additional comments about your dog concerning children and food? Please explain:
________________________________________________________________________________

96. Please answer these questions about children touching or grooming the dog:

Does the dog accept being brushed or petted by children? ____________________________

Will the dog comfortably accept “examination” by children younger than 6 years old (having ears lifted and tugged, having eyes touched, tail held or grabbed, fur “scrunched” or grabbed by children’s hands)? ____________________________

Has the child ever tripped over, stepped on, or fallen on your dog? What was the dog’s reaction? Explain:
________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have any additional comments about your dog being touched or groomed by children?
________________________________________________________________________________

97. Please answer these questions about your dog, children and exercise or play:
Has your dog ever been walked by a child? Please describe the situation and its frequency:________________________________________________________________________

Has your dog ever been teased or taunted by a child? Please describe the situation: ____________________________
________________________________________________________________________________

Please describe your dog’s most likely reaction to the following happening around him or her:

A child running: ________________________________________________________________

A child falling down: ____________________________________________________________

A child jumping, hopping, etc: ____________________________________________________

A child throwing a ball or a toy: ____________________________________________________

A child yelling or shrieking: ______________________________________________________

A child swimming: ______________________________________________________________

A child waving arms or other unexpected movements: ________________________________

Do you have any additional comments concerning your dog exercising or playing around children?
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98. **Please answer the following questions about your dog sleeping or resting around children:**

How will a dog react to a child approaching when he/she is sleeping?
________________________________________________________________________________

Did your dog regularly sleep in a space accessible by children?
________________________________________________________________________________

Is your dog possessive or guarded about where he or she sleeps?
________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have any additional comments concerning your dog sleeping or resting around children?
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Would you like to add anything?

99. Are there any additional comments you would like to add about the dog that would be helpful to families considering adopting him or her?
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Shelter staff observations/comments: