



## 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:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What were you told about this dog when you got him/her?  
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10. To your knowledge, how many homes has this dog had prior to yours?  
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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



Other (Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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

In the middle of the floor  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?

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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?

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Where was the dog when it snapped?

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What was the dog doing before it snapped?

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38. Has this dog ever bitten another living creature or person?  Yes  No

What did the dog bite/what was happening?

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Where was the dog when it bit?

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What was the dog doing before it bit?

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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  Cowers 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?

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|---|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ___Thyroid disease                      | ___Lyme disease    | ___Heartworm disease          | ___Arthritis               |
| ___Skin allergies                       | ___Irritable Bowel | ___Environmental allergies    | ___Cancer                  |
| ___Hip dysplasia                        | ___Heart Murmur    | ___Chronic ear/eye infections | ___Entropion/ectropion 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):

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Just likes to hang out                | <input type="checkbox"/> Plays gently                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to chase |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not use teeth or body strength   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers Fetch                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Respectful       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jumps and uses mouth in play          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tends to nip                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tends to herd    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Likes to play games with toys         | <input type="checkbox"/> Plays roughly but stops when told  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Games quickly escalate out of control | <input type="checkbox"/> No interest in playing with people |   |
| Other: _____   |   |   |

86. Please describe how your dog plays with **other dogs** (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Will play with all dogs                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Plays chase with little dogs, no body contact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plays hard with hip checks and body slams      | <input type="checkbox"/> Herds or nips others to get them to move      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adapts to whatever play style other dog has    | <input type="checkbox"/> Can play with more than one dog at a time     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot play with more than one dog at a time   | <input type="checkbox"/> Shares toys and plays quietly with other dogs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Likes to play with dogs smaller than them self | <input type="checkbox"/> Likes to play with dogs who are gentle        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Has to be in charge in play situations         | <input type="checkbox"/> Barks constantly                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hangs out with other dogs rather than play     | <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

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92. In your opinion, what age children would live happily and safely with this dog?

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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:

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\_\_\_\_\_

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?

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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?

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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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