

## ADOPTION APPLICATION

Thank you for choosing to adopt a pet! The decision to adopt a pet is an important one which we take very seriously. Please take a moment to read and carefully complete our adoption application. In order to adopt a pet, you must:

- be at least 21 years old
- be able to provide references and identification
- consent to a home visit
- pay the adoption fee

All of our pets come spayed or neutered, up to date on vaccinations, heartworm negative, current on flea/tick and heartworm prevention, dewormed, and treated for any ailments found upon veterinary examination. The adoption fee covers a portion of these services, and makes it possible for us to continue rescuing animals. An application does not obligate you to adopt, and can be transferred to any pet.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Contact Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide two references that are not members of your immediate family:

Personal Reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Years known: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Years known: \_\_\_\_\_

### About Your Home

Do you live in a(n)?  House  Townhouse  Apartment/Condo  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you  Own  Rent Landlord's name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have your landlord's permission to have a dog:  Yes  No

### And Your Yard...

I do not have a yard at this time. (Skip to the next section)

What outside areas are available to the dog? (check all that apply)  front yard  dog house

back yard  garage  enclosed patio  other: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your yard fenced?  Yes  No What is the type of fence? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your fence in good condition with no holes or loose points?  Yes  No

Which of the following is used to secure your gate?  latch  padlock  keyed lock  other

we do not lock our gate for the following reason: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Your Experience with Dogs**

How would you describe your dog owning experience?

- I have had dogs of my own as an adult
- I grew up with dogs or have worked with them but have not had my own as an adult
- I have never had one or have limited experience with dogs
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all the pets you have owned in the past 5 years:

Breed	Age	Sex	Spayed or Neutered?	# Years Owned	Still Live With You?	If not, why?

How do you feel your current pets will adjust to a new dog in the house? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had experience with behavioral or medical issues with your previous or current pets? If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

If there are children in the household, please describe their experience with dogs: \_\_\_\_\_

### **About this dog**

Share your reasons for wanting a dog? (check all that apply)  family pet  gift  protection/guard dog

companion for yourself, child or another pet  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Pets are an investment of your time and money. Can you afford to provide medical care, grooming, proper diet, shelter, and exercise for your new dog?  Yes  No

Are you able to make a long-term commitment to care for your pet for its entire life span, which could be as long as 15 years or more?  Yes  No

How will you exercise your dog? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you discipline your dog if he or she misbehaved/chewed household items? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you housetrain your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If your dog develops behavioral problems, what will you do? \_\_\_\_\_

If you move, what will you do with your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If your dog got out/was lost, what would you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following reasons might force you to give up your dog? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> excessive barking/neighbor complaints | <input type="checkbox"/> aggressive on leash                  | <input type="checkbox"/> destructive chewing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> biting/aggression                     | <input type="checkbox"/> digging                              | <input type="checkbox"/> divorce/separation      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> allergies                             | <input type="checkbox"/> shedding/dirty                       | <input type="checkbox"/> not trainable           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor watchdog                         | <input type="checkbox"/> moving/relocating                    | <input type="checkbox"/> house-training problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> financial problems                    | <input type="checkbox"/> growling/nipping at guests           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excessive vet bills/chronic illness   | <input type="checkbox"/> having a baby                        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nips or bits children                 | <input type="checkbox"/> new spouse/partner doesn't like dogs |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pets aren't getting along             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                     |   |  |

Is there anything else you would like to share with us? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your veterinarian (name and phone)? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not currently have a vet, would you like a referral?  Yes, please

Please read and initial each statement below:

\_\_\_ I understand that Lake Martin Animal Sanctuary reserves the right to refuse adoption to any applicant for any reason

\_\_\_ I understand that a home visit is required prior to final placement and does not guarantee placement

\_\_\_ I understand that there is an adoption fee of \$40 per cat / \$100 per dog

\_\_\_ I understand that any misrepresentation of the above information authorizes Lake Martin Animal Sanctuary to deny application, and/or reclaim the pet that is in my home. I acknowledge that Lake Martin Animal Sanctuary cannot guarantee any animals against parasites, diseases or destructive behavior. If I adopt an animal from Lake Martin Animal Sanctuary, I will not hold Lake Martin Animal Sanctuary responsible, nor seek any compensation for damages, medical fees or other liabilities incurred by the pet I adopt.

Please email or mail this completed application to LMAS2017@YAHOO.COM or P.O. Box 240006, Eclectic AL 36024