



## Grateful Acres Pets – Sanctuary and Adoptions

# ADOPTION APPLICATION (rev: 03-10-20)

Please READ below and complete pages 2-5. Return to [gratefulacrespets2019@gmail.com](mailto:gratefulacrespets2019@gmail.com)

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**Our application process:** Return an application to us, and once it is approved, you will be able to meet the pup. If all goes well with the meeting, you have the option of having the pet visit your home to make sure that your family is a match for the dog.

**Please Note:** WE WILL ONLY ADOPT TO OHIO AND SURROUNDING STATE RESIDENTS, AND YOU MUST BE WILLING TO TRAVEL TO THE COLUMBUS AREA TO MEET THE PET

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### Things to consider before applying:

#### Do you have children under the age of 5?

We like to consider the safety issues that arise with the unsupervised contact between young children and new dogs. In any case, we will consider if that dog is a good candidate for a family with small children AND if the parents display “dog smarts” and the experience necessary to introduce an animal in the home. Toddlers are curious and pups never exceed the mentality of a 2 year old, so they do not consider consequences for their actions. Unfortunately, many children have been injured when an animal has tried to play with them, even though the actions of the dog were not vicious; they usually have to pay the consequences (physical abuse, dropped at shelter, abandoned on the street).

#### We will consider your ability to care for the pet:

Consider how many hours you will physically be with your pet and how long it will be crated during the day. We understand that most people work a normal schedule and the pet will be most likely crated during the day, but we want to know what kind of interaction the animal will have when you get home.

We will consider any physical limitations that you have, and your age now compared to the life expectancy of a dog. Please ask about our “Seniors for Seniors” program

We all understand the lure of a puppy, but please consider an older dog that is already trained! A puppy may not fit your lifestyle and we would love to help find the right fit for you. Also, many pets are abandoned in shelters after their elderly owners are hospitalized or pass on. We will often ask to include the care of your pet in estate planning.

Not sure what you are looking for? Consider fostering! You will help animals find a home while figuring out what personality is the best fit for your home.

It is best to have **a small, enclosed fenced area outside for animals to relieve themselves**. If you have breed restrictions, they usually permit a specific type of fencing and/or a small fenced area other than fencing the complete yard. If you do not have this type of enclosure, please explain how you will care for the needs of this pet.

#### Please consider the following:

A physical fence helps protect our pets from harm from people and other animals. Vets tell us that a home with a fenced yard allows their dog to go out more often, avoiding continued Urinary tract infections, which are painful and dangerous. And of course, we want your family safe!

If you have an invisible fence, please consider the following:

- There are too many dogs in the pound with electronic collar
- Children have been bitten while playing with a dog , after it was shocked.
- Dogs have been stolen, injured or killed while within an invisible fence.
- Dogs must NEVER wear a pronged collar.

Most trainers do not recommend invisible fence because it is negative training

Dogs have been affected negatively by malfunctioning training collars, which can cause long term stress issues

Although having an invisible fence is not enough to exclude you from adopting from Grateful Acres Pets, it will help us to determine the right pet for your home. Some of our dogs ABSOLUTELY have to have a physical fence, while others will do well with an invisible fence and proper training.



**Application:**

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

DOB for all adults in the home: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have been at this address less than 2 years**, please give us your previous address as well, and how long you were there-

Previous address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you an American Citizen? Y or N

Which best describes your home? House Apartment Condo Farm Dorm Mobile Home

Do you rent or own? \_\_\_\_\_ If you rent, does your landlord allow pets?

Are there breed restrictions? Y or N

Please provide a phone number for the landlord: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an enclosed (attached to your house) fenced area?

If yes, describe the type and height and size of the fenced area

IF you do not have a fence, who will the animal be contained? Tie out \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel/Run \_\_\_\_\_ Leashed activities \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a swimming pool? Y or N

If so how will your pet be protected from drowning?

Where will this the pet sleep? (be specific)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Have you or any members of your household been convicted of a crime against animals or any other crimes? Y or N

Does anyone in the household have allergies or asthma? Y or N

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Are there smokers in your home? Y or N

Do you feel confident that you will be healthy and able to care for a pet for its life expectancy of 15-20 years?

Y or N

What are the ages of the people living in your home (including yourself and children)?

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What is their relationship to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children visit often? \_\_\_\_\_ What ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Do the adults in your home work fulltime outside the home? Y or N

If you have children in the home, please tell us how you will keep both the children and the dog safe from unintentional injuries. (Often animals bite when they feel unsafe or threatened. The animal will most often pay the price for the lack of adequate supervision.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Let us know what precautions you will take and how you will educate your children to care for animals.

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**\*How many hours per day will your pet be home without adults?** \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you keep him while you are gone? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will usually be caring for the pet? \_\_\_\_\_

What arrangements will you be making when you take trips or are gone from the home for long stretches? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is this pet for a gift? Y or N

Why did you decide to adopt a pet? \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Are you interested in a specific pet? Y or N If so, name and breed-** \_\_\_\_\_

I am looking for a: puppy \_\_\_\_\_ dog \_\_\_\_\_

kitten \_\_\_\_\_ cat \_\_\_\_\_ other:

What type of personality and level of activity are you looking for in a pet?

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How do you plan to exercise the pet?

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List breeds preferred - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Weight? \_\_\_\_\_ Age? \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for wanting a pet-

Watchdog \_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_ Hunting \_\_\_ Family Pet \_\_\_ Child's Pet \_\_\_ Companion for Current Pet \_\_\_

\*Other Pets in home (description)? type? \_\_\_\_\_ breed? \_\_\_\_\_ age? \_\_\_\_\_  
weight? \_\_\_\_\_ sex? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had pets in the past? Y or N

Please explain what happened to them- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite thing about your current or previous pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your least favorite thing about your current or previous pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Name and phone number of any veterinarian you have used:**

Please note we require that each pet in the potential home is SPAYED/NEUTERED and vaccinated per Ohio law (Rabies):

Vet Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Vet Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**We will be calling to check vaccination history and heartworm preventative purchases. If your pet is not up to date, please explain.**

**What type of heartworm preventative do you use?:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What type of flea preventative do you use?:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you currently or have you ever bred dogs?:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you rescued pet begins to display some unwanted behaviors, are you willing to work with a trainer?**

Y or N

**What behaviors will you not accept? (Digging, chewing, barking)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you take this pet to obedience classes?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you understand that animals need time to adjust to new environments and you may need to help them (and your current pet) acclimate?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever surrendered an animal? Y or N



What were the circumstances? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What would be the reasons that you would consider relinquishing this pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Are you aware that we require agreement from you to return this animal to us if you can no longer care for it?** Y or N

**Name and home phone number of a personal reference that you don't mind us calling:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you willing to have a volunteer come meet you and visit your home prior and after adoption?** Y or N

**If this pet becomes ill or injured, are you financially able and willing and able to spend \$500.00 or more for vet care?** Y or N

**Would you consider fostering a pet for a short period of time?** Y or N

**How did you hear about Grateful Acres Pets Sanctuary and Adoption ?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please initial below-**

\_\_\_\_ I understand that Grateful Acres Pets is volunteer organization. As such, I understand that it will take volunteers a significant amount of time to process my application. I understand that by submitting this application, I am a serious about adoption this pet and will follow-up with the Grateful Acres Pets volunteers should they have questions about my application.

\_\_\_\_ The information that I have provided above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Should a dog or cat be placed with me, it will reside in my home as a pet. I agree to provide the dog or cat with adequate food, water, shelter, affection, and medical care.

Please note that your application will not be processed if any information is missing. You are also giving permission for us to verify the information you have supplied and to contact current and past veterinarians, if applicable. You may need to contact you veterinarian and give us permission to access your records.

Filling out an application does not guarantee approval. Grateful Acres Pets reserves the right to deny any application at our discretion. It is our goal to place animals where we feel they will fit best, not necessarily in the order the applications are received. We trust that you will conduct yourself in a professional manner and not discredit the organization for not selecting your application. Please allow seven to ten days for processing. If you have further questions about the status of your application after this time has passed, please feel free to contact us at [gratefulacrespets2019@gmail.com](mailto:gratefulacrespets2019@gmail.com). Thank you for taking the time to complete this application.

**\*\*\*We will respond to applications by email within 3 days. It can take up to 10 days to process applications due to the nature of the organization\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Adoption fees include spay or neuter and the pet is current on shots, heartworm negative and microchipped \*\*\***