



## Adoption Process

**Adoption fees range from \$250 to \$350 depending on the dog  
\$150 for Cats/Kittens**

- Be at least 18 years of age with the responsibility of maintaining your own household (no full time students).
- Have proof of current address and picture identification (driver's license preferred).
- Have the consent and knowledge of all adults living in the household to adopt a pet.
- Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide training, medical treatment and veterinary care for the pet's lifetime.
- Have a fenced yard **with a locked gate**. Fence must be in good repair; no broken slats or wide space at bottom.
- Agree to consider the pet a member of the family and provide indoor shelter.
- Understand these pets are rescued from the streets and we cannot guarantee their health. All have seen a licensed veterinarian for vaccinations and heartworm test so we know that status and manage it.
- You agree to place personal ID on the animal as soon as possible and provide an environment for this pet, that keeps it safe and secure.
- Complete an application, allow a home visit and vet reference checks.
- Agree to keep this pet on **monthly** heartworm preventative throughout its lifetime. Don't know why? **Ask us!**

**Renters:** If you rent or lease your home, we require a copy of the lease which states any weight or breed restrictions for the complex or landlord and you must provide a pet deposit receipt from the landlord or apartment complex prior to adoption.

- All adopted pets come with medical records, vaccination records, spay/neuter, micro-chip and heartworm status.
- Our "no-fault adoption" process includes a week's trial home visit so you make a good decision. Adoption fees are non-refundable.
- We spend over \$200 on each pet, which includes medical care, boarding and food. **Your adoption fee is not to pay for the medical care on the animal you choose to adopt; previous donations covered those costs.** Your adoption fee allows us to continue our rescue and adoption efforts and is therefore **non-refundable**.
- Households that find our fees an undue burden, may also discover the financial demands of pet ownership a difficult burden. We urge you to do your research and understand the long term financial and emotional commitment for the life of a pet. If you can't make that commitment, you don't qualify to adopt from us.
- For us, these are "forever dogs & cats".....If they're not for you, then they're not yours; **it's just that simple.**

**Out of Area Adoptions and Active Military:** It is our intent to adopt locally first due to our requirements for vetting the household via home visits and introductions to other pets in the home. Applications will be accepted for out of area adoptions and will be kept on file as a recourse if no home can be found locally. We are currently not adopting to active military due to the high number of dogs returned from those households.

**Under-age children:** Oak Hill Animal Rescue, Inc. reserves the right to deny any application when the age of the children in the household is inappropriate to the age or size of the pet being considered.

**Unaltered dogs or cats existing in the household:** Oak Hill Animal Rescue, Inc. requires all pets in the adopting household be spayed or neutered, current on all vaccinations and on monthly heartworm preventative. If these items are not in place, no application will be offered.



## Adoption Application

Name of animal you're interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption Criteria - Check **each** to indicate you understand and agree to the criteria:

- The person adopting will be responsible for this animal is the one completing this form
- Applicant is 18 years or older and maintains their own household
- Identification showing current address is required before adoption is finalized
- All adults in the household have knowledge of and consent to the animal joining the home
- Applicant is willing to spend time and money to provide training, medical treatment, and proper care for this animal

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse or partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/partner birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Current street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current city, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State of issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact:

- Home phone
- Cell phone
- Email

Your occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

- Part-Time
- Full-Time

Spouse or partner's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

- Part-Time
- Full-Time

On an average day, how many hours will your pet be left alone: \_\_\_\_\_

How often are you away from home overnight:

- Rarely, less than 5 nights per year
- Occasionally, 5-15 nights per year
- Frequently, 16 or more nights per year

If you are away from home overnight, who will be responsible for your pet: \_\_\_\_\_

### **YOUR PET HISTORY**

Tell us why you want a pet: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How many pets do you currently have:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How many pets have you had in the last 5 years:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you no longer have any or all of these pets, please indicate why (check all that apply):

- Passed away due to illness
- Passed away due to age
- Animal was lost
- Animal was re-homed, surrendered to a shelter or sold
- Not applicable
- Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

If you checked Lost or Re-Homed, Surrendered or Sold please explain or describe the circumstances:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Where/How did you get your previous pets (check all that apply):

- Adopted from a rescue
- Adopted from Animal Shelter
- Found stray
- Purchased from store or breeder
- Acquired from friend or family member
- Not applicable
- Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Are any of your pets unsterilized:

- Yes, all or some are unsterilized
- No
- Not applicable

If any of your current pets are unsterilized please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you know how dogs contract heartworms:

- Yes, please explain how: \_\_\_\_\_
- No
- Not sure

Where do/will your pets stay when you are home:

\_\_\_\_\_

This pet is intended to be (check all that apply):

- A companion for myself
- A companion for my child
- A companion for a senior citizen
- A gift for someone
- A guard or watchdog for the home or business
- A hunting dog
- A barn cat or mouser
- Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

How long do you expect it to take for an animal to be fully house or litter trained: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have experience house or litter training:

- Yes
- No

What method have you used to house or litter train an animal before: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

We cannot guarantee an animal will be fully house or litter trained and will not have an occasional accident until it learns your home and your routine. Please check that you understand this:

- Yes, I understand
- No, I want an animal that is completely house or litter trained

Are you familiar with crate training and its benefits? If not, your adoption counselor can provide information on this:

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

### **CURRENT HOUSEHOLD**

Do you live in:

- Apartment/Condo/Townhome
- House
- Mobile home
- Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Do you rent or own:

- Rent
- Own

***If you rent, we require a copy of the landlord's policy on animals, which may include a limit to the number of animals allowed, weight limit and breed restrictions. We also require proof the pet deposit, if any, has been paid before the pet is adopted.***

If you rent, provide the landlord's name or name of complex: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you rent, provide a phone number for your landlord or complex: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is there a possibility you will move in the next 12 months:

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

If yes or maybe, what are the consequences of that move for this pet: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you leave doors or windows open at home:

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

Do you have screens on yours doors and windows:

- Yes
- No
- Some, but not all

Do you have a fenced yard:

- Yes
- No
- Partially

If you have a fenced yard, please indicate which type of fencing you have:

- Wood
- Chain link
- Wrought iron
- Brick/stone
- Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a fenced yard, please indicate the height of the fence:

- 4 feet
- 6 feet
- 8 or more feet
- Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a fenced yard, do you keep your gate(s) locked:

- Yes
- No

Do you have a pool or pond:

Yes

No

How many children are in your home and what are their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do children frequently visit your home? If so, what are their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you currently have no children in the home, do you plan to have children in the next 1-15 years:

Yes

No

Not sure

If a baby comes along, what, if anything, will change in your pet's living arrangements: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In case of a medical emergency or your death, what are the consequences for this pet: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you or anyone in your household have allergies to animals:

Yes

No

Not sure

### **VETERINARIAN INFORMATION**

**If you currently have a veterinarian, we would like to contact him/her as a reference**

Do you currently have a veterinarian:

Yes

No

If you do not currently have a vet, how will you go about selecting one: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you do not currently have a vet, how soon after you get an animal will you choose one:

- Immediately
- When vaccines are due
- When the animal is sick
- When an emergency occurs
- Not applicable, I already have one
- Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a vet, how long have you used him/her: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your vet for a reference:

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

If yes, please provide the following:

Name of clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of pets treated by vet or clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PERSONAL REFERENCE**

**Provide a personal reference who knows your character and your sentiment toward animals (may not be a relative or roommate)**

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

Current street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current city, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



Oak Hill Animal Rescue, Inc. recognizes the sensitive nature of the information in this application. It is exclusively used to ensure the best possible home for our animals. Please check to indicate your understanding and agreement to following.

- I understand this Adoption Application will be used to verify my statements and hereby authorize Oak Hill Animal Rescue, Inc. to contact any of the names I provided.
  
- I submit this application in good faith and promise to support and protects the pet I want to adopt for the rest of its natural life.

**No Fault Adoptions and Non-Refundable Adoption Fees** - In order to qualify if this dog or cat is best suited to your family, any current family pets (if applicable), and any and all visitors to your household, OHAR offers “no fault adoptions”. A “no fault adoption” means we allow you the time you need to make a qualified decision on whether or not this is the right pet for your family. OHAR is committed to helping you make the right choice, so please take the necessary time you need to decide.

Adoption fees are paid during the adoption finalization process. Our adoption fees are non-refundable.

Enter your name below (a signature will be required before bringing an animal for a home visit):

Enter the date of this application: \_\_\_\_\_

## Trial Home Visit

In the event your application is approved, and you choose to proceed with the adoption process the pet will be brought to your home for a trial visit prior to finalizing the adoption. This trial will be a 7-day period, unless stated in writing by OHAR.

### **Our Dogs and Cats Medical History**

The animals available for adoption from Oak Hill Animal Rescue (“OHAR”) often come from the streets or from a shelter environment and little to nothing is known about their past. OHAR is concerned about the health of the animals in our care and exercise due caution to prevent disease transmission by vaccinating on intake, evaluating behavior, deworming and bathing to kill any parasites like fleas and ticks.

Due to the medical condition of some of the dogs/cats we receive, some or all of these things may or may not be performed upon recommendation of our veterinarians. If you want to adopt a pet from OHAR and agree to do a trial visit, you must agree to the following terms and conditions regarding the pet’s health:

- If you have any concerns about the pet’s health, you agree to contact OHAR to ask where you may take the dog/cat for evaluation.
- If you choose to use your own veterinarian, these costs will be yours and will not be deducted from your adoption fee.
- Due to the high volume of vet care we do, we work exclusively with those vets that provide rescue rates and cannot support or reimburse what your vet charges you for well pet care.
- If our pet is injured while in your care during this trial period, you agree to cover all medical expenses associated with recovery of these injuries.
- If you choose to adopt after your trial period, you receive all medical records associated with the care of this pet while at OHAR; but if you intend to have this pet evaluated at your personal vet at your expense and want to be able to disclose its medical history to date, we will provide your vet whatever they require upon request.

I acknowledge and will agree to these terms and conditions in the event the animal is entrusted to me during the trial home visit

Enter your name below (a signature will be required before bringing an animal for a home visit):

Enter the date of this application: \_\_\_\_\_

### During the Finalization Process

**Veterinary Care:**

- I understand veterinary care for this pet can extend ten to twenty years.
- I agree to provide regular and emergency veterinary care for the life of this pet.
- I agree NOT to declaw this pet.

I acknowledge and will agree to these terms and conditions in the event I adopt this animal

**Surrender Policy:**

- In the event I am unable to keep this pet, I understand and agree to surrender them back to Oak Hill Animal Rescue, Inc.
- I acknowledge that surrender to any other animal care facility, person or family member if forbidden.
- I acknowledge that under NO circumstances am I able to offer this pet for sale or re-homing without the consent or authorization of Oak Hill Animal Rescue, Inc.
- I acknowledge the adoption fee is non-refundable
- In the event I am unable to keep this pet, I agree to give a minimum of two weeks' notice prior to surrender, so room can be made available for the return of this pet.

I acknowledge and will agree to these terms and conditions in the event I adopt this animal

**Spay/Neuter & Vaccination Policy** - In the event I am applying for a puppy or kitten that is too young for final vaccinations or is too young to spay/neuter, the following conditions apply:

- Upon adoption I will receive a certificate for a free spay/neuter with a veterinarian contracted by OHAR to be performed when the pet is six or seven months old.
- I will also be provided information of where to go for the Rabies vaccine and Microchipping if the animal is too young at the time of adoption.
- These costs are included in the adoption fee.
- If these items are not done in accordance with OHAR policies, please be advised OHAR will report this neglect to local animal control authority, where you will likely be cited for non-compliance with city ordinances.
- Under no circumstances are these pets to remain unsterilized or incomplete on vaccinations.

I acknowledge and will agree to these terms and conditions in the event I adopt this animal

Enter your name below (a signature will be required before bringing an animal for a home visit):

Enter the date of this application: \_\_\_\_\_