



**Adoption Pre-requisites:**

- \*Adopter must be 21 years old or a homeowner if under 21. Proof of ownership may be required.
- \*Current Pets must be spayed or neutered and current on vaccinations/heartworm prevention.
- \*Proof of homeowners insurance for adopters interested in bully breeds that accepts the breed you are interested in. Rental insurance may be required.
- \*CCHS will check with landlords for approval of pets in rental homes/apartments/condos.
- \*Obedience training may be required per request of adoption counselor. Deposits may be required.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**  
**DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason you would like to adopt this dog: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse or Sig Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Driver License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Method of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you rent, please provide:** Landlord's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Veterinarian Reference:** Name of Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Personal Reference:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**I give CCHS permission to check my references:**  
Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Columbia County Humane Society offers adopters 1 month of free pet insurance. This insurance will provide you with coverage for your pet for 1 month. Would you like this insurance:      YES      NO

How did you hear about the Columbia County Humane Society: \_\_\_\_\_  
An average dog's lifespan is 10-12 years. Are you willing to commit yourself to a dog for its entire life? YES      NO

Describe a typical day in your household: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is your house a:    HOUSE    TOWNHOUSE    CONDO    FARM    APARTMENT    MOBILE HOME  
Do you have a fully fenced in yard? \_\_\_\_\_ How tall is the fence?: \_\_\_\_\_ How large is the fenced in area?: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have a fenced in yard, please explain how you will contain the dog outside?: \_\_\_\_\_

How will you meet the exercise needs of this dog, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

How will you keep the dog happy and content while you are gone?: \_\_\_\_\_

Will this dog be an:    INSIDE DOG            INSIDE/OUTSIDE DOG            OUTSIDE ONLY DOG            GUARD DOG

If you plan to have an outside dog or the dog is outside occasionally, how will you control excessive nuisance barking?: \_\_\_\_\_ \*CCHS does not normally adopt out strictly outside dogs, please talk to adoption counselor should you be interested in an outdoor only dog. The dog you have chosen may not be suited for outdoor only

What type of housing will be provided for shelter?: \_\_\_\_\_

How will you contain the dog when outside?: \_\_\_\_\_

If the dog is outside all the time, how much interaction will the dog have with people?: \_\_\_\_\_

Most shelter dogs have unknown housetraining history. How do you plan to housetrain this dog?: \_\_\_\_\_

How soon do you expect this dog to housetrain?: \_\_\_\_\_ If it takes longer than expected and you are having trouble housetraining, what do you plan to do?: \_\_\_\_\_

Crate training is a preferred method of housetraining. If you prefer not to crate train, how will you control chewing, potty breaks and mischievous behavior?: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Crate training has many benefits. If you need information on crate training or are unsure of the process, please talk to a staff member or do research.

What is your definition of disciplining a dog?: \_\_\_\_\_

If your lifestyle changes or you have to suddenly move, will the change or move include the dog?:    YES    NO

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

It may take 1 month or longer for a new dog to adjust to a new home and routine. Will you allow this much time for adjustment and training?: \_\_\_\_\_ What are your plans for helping this new dog adjust to your household and routine?: \_\_\_\_\_

If this dog became seriously ill, would you be able to care for it financially?: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to financially care for a dog by providing it with yearly routine vet care, heartworm prevention, vaccinations, training and food?: \_\_\_\_\_

How much would you estimate the yearly cost care of a dog to be?(food, vet bills, training): \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience classes are beneficial to dog owners and dogs. Will you be attending obedience classes?    YES

NO If not, please explain your method of training: \_\_\_\_\_

This dog has been vaccinated and cared for by CCHS. Will you take this dog for an exam within 7 days of adoption?: \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember CCHS offers a 7 day health guarantee. If you choose not to take the dog to the vet to be checked over by a licensed veterinarian within 7 days, your 7 day health guarantee will be void. Please sign here stating you understand this statement: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand I am required to bring in any other dogs in the household for an interaction with the dog I wish to adopt. Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

Many dogs don't allow other dogs to eat out of the same dish or share toys/rawhides. What are your plans for feeding time, playtime and special treats?: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter/rescue group or another family before?: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the ages of the children in the household or that visit regularly: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your plans for adjusting the new dog to children in the household?: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a quiet and accessible area for food and water dishes away from the children?: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an area that is quiet for the dog to get away from the activity of the household?: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available to supervise interaction between the new dog and the children at all times?: \_\_\_\_\_

Please discuss your plans for teaching your children or children that visit your home, the proper handling and interaction with a dog: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand once I leave the shelter with my new dog, I am responsible for any property damage or bites caused by my new dog: Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand if I adopt a dog that is having trouble adjusting or fitting into the family, I will contact CCHS for advice to help the new dog. I will call CCHS before giving the dog away or surrendering the dog to another humane society or rescue group. Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the information of your pets, recent past and present:

Name	Breed	Age	Male/Female	Spay/Neuter	Still Own?

If your current pets are not spayed or neutered, please list the reason why: \_\_\_\_\_

**CCHS HAS THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR DENY THIS APPLICATION FOR ANY REASON.**  
 We choose the home WE feel is the best home for the dog based on the interaction with the family and other dogs. **A filled out application DOES NOT guarantee your application will be accepted for the dog you are applying for.** I hereby state that information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. Falsifying information will result in a denial of my application. I also sign that I understand how the adoption process works and the fees involved with adoption. I understand that if the dog I have chosen is not altered at the time the application is filled out, I must wait until the surgery is performed before the dog can go home with me. This time frame may be 1 week or more depending on surgery space availability. Adopting a dog is lifetime commitment and should not be taken lightly.

Signature of applicant one: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of applicant two: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_