



## COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

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

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

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

Please describe the needs of the breed(s) and dog you have chosen: \_\_\_\_\_

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?: \_\_\_\_\_

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?: \_\_\_\_\_

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 that 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:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Breed</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Male/Female</u> | <u>Spay/Neuter</u> | <u>Still Own?</u> |
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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.

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

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