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## VOICELESS MOMENTS DOG SANCTUARY DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

### ANIMAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Color/Markings \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Is the animal:

- Spayed
- Neutered
- Will be spayed/neutered on \_\_\_\_\_

Animal's Medical Problems

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What medications does the animal currently take?

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Current Veterinary Clinic

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POTENTIAL ADOPTER INFORMATION

ADOPTER'S INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to send/receive text messages?

- Send
- Receive
- Both

Place of Employment Name and Address, Hours Worked

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

SPOUSE'S INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment Name and Address, Hours Worked Per Day

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WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN A DOG?

What qualities are you looking for in a dog?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please describe any "must-have" characteristics, energy level, etc.

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\_\_\_\_\_

When is the soonest date you will be ready to adopt? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please consider any vacations, work obligations, etc. We are unable to hold the dog after its alter date in most cases, so please wait to apply until you are ready to adopt.**

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Where will the dog live?

- Inside
- Outside
- Both Inside and Outside
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any experience working with disabled animals? Please explain.

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Do you have experience medicating animals?

- Yes
- No
- Willing to learn.

What size dog are you looking for?

- Extra small (Under 10 pounds)
- Small (10 – 25 pounds)
- Medium (25 - 60 pounds)
- Doesn't matter – Any size okay.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this dog be kept during the day while home? Please be specific.

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Where will this dog be kept during the night? Please be specific.

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Where will this dog be kept when no one is home? Please be specific.

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Where will this dog stay when you go on vacation? Please be specific. If staying with another individual, list name, phone number, and address.

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About how many hours will this dog be left alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_

Which family member(s) will be responsible for the daily care of this dog?

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For potty breaks, your dog will be: (check any that apply)

- Walked on a leash.
- On a chain
- On a tie-out in a secure, fully fenced area
- In an open, partially enclosed fenced area
- Electronic/Wireless fence
- Loose in yard (no fence)
- Indoor potty area
- On a zip line/pulley system

How do you plan to provide exercise for this dog?

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If you have a fence, how tall is it and what kind of fencing material? \_\_\_\_\_

If there's no fence, how will you keep the dog from leaving the property?

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What are your plans for training your new dog?

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What do you plan to use?

- Harness
- Collar
- Both
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

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

Do you plan to move soon?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do with this dog if/when you move?

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If you are active-duty military, what do you plan to do with the dog on long deployments?

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Full Names, Ages, Relationships of all persons, including children, living in household.

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How do the other adults in your household feel about adopting a dog?

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If no children live in the household, do children visit often? Is it important for the dog to have a good relationship with kids?

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**Some dogs may not get along well with children - please consult a volunteer for more information about the animal in which you are considering. VMDS cannot guarantee temperament of any animal but can share the experience had with the dog(s) in their care.**

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR HOME

Do you:

- Own

- Home
- Own Condo
- Own Mobile Home
- Rent Home
- Rent Apartment
- Rent Mobile Home
- Live with Parents (Own Home)
- Live with Roommates (Rent)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

For those who rent - have you checked to confirm your lease allows pets?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- N/A - Own

Are there any lease pet restrictions? If yes, please explain. (Breed, size, weight, etc.)

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Landlord/Rental Company Name, Address, Phone Number (required if renting)

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### CURRENT AND PAST PETS

**Current Pets:** Please list all pets that you currently own. Name, Dog/Cat/Other, Breed, Age, Lives Inside or Outside? Temperament, etc.

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Are all your current pets spayed or neutered? If no, please explain:

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Are all your current pets up to date on vaccinations? If no, please explain:

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Are all your current dogs on heartworm prevention? If yes, what brand? If no, please explain:

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Are all your current pets on flea/tick prevention? If yes, what brand? If no, please explain:

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**PAST PETS:** List all pets owned in the past 5 years that are no longer with you. Please provide a brief explanation for each animal as to what happened to him or her. If none in the last 5 years, list ALL pets owned in your adult life. List name, dog/cat, breed, age, lived inside or outside? What happened?

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Were all your past pets spayed or neutered? If no, please explain:

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Were your previous dogs on heartworm prevention? If yes, what brand? If no, please explain:

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Have you ever had a pet:

- Run-away
- Hit by a car.
- Lost
- Stolen
- Poisoned
- Shot
- Euthanized for behavior.
- Euthanized for illness.
- None of these apply.

If you selected any of the above, please explain:

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Have you ever:

- Given away or rehomed a pet.
- Sold a pet.
- Returned pet to shelter/rescue.
- Bred your pets.
- Surrendered your pet to a shelter/rescue.
- None of these apply.

If you selected any of the above, please explain:

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If you have not had any pets of your own, please tell us about your experience with pets in general.

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### VETERINARIAN INFO

Veterinary Clinic's Name, Address, Phone Number

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Name on the Account \_\_\_\_\_

If you don't have a vet currently, what vet do you plan to use?

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Who will be responsible for vet bills? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you financially able and willing to provide annual checkups, vaccinations, and any/all emergency care for a pet?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure - depends on the amount.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### MAKING A COMMITMENT

How did you hear about VMDS and this pet? (If you found us online, which website?)

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Have you adopted from us before? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to adopt this particular dog?

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How do you expect this dog will fit into your household?

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Is this dog a gift for someone? Name, Address, Phone Number? Have they had dogs before?

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Does anyone in the family have pet allergies? If yes, please explain to what allergens.

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How long have you been looking for a new pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how long do you believe that it will take to assimilate this pet into your home? Do you expect it to adjust to its new surroundings immediately, or do you believe that it will take some time for it to settle in and get adjusted? How long will you give this dog to adjust to your home?

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Adopting a dog is a lifelong commitment. Are aware that a dog can live to be over 15 years old? Are you prepared to make this commitment to this dog?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Are you aware that dogs can chew, scratch, nibble, and in some cases bite? That they can make noises, such as barking, growling, whining, howling, etc.? Dogs may chew on items in the home. Are you prepared for this?

- Yes
- No

What do you consider a punishment for bad behavior?

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Do you have any concerns about bringing this dog into your home?

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Please list two references: Name, Phone Number, Relationship

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VMDS makes every attempt possible to find forever homes for these dogs. Relocating animals from home to home has a negative effect on animals, therefore, we strive to do it right the first time. Rescue animals in general come with some type of emotional baggage. Since we were not there to see what they have experienced and witnessed, we cannot guarantee you the perfect animal immediately. All animals take patience, time, work, and commitment - some rescue animals may exceed the normal amount that one would expect. By selecting the "I agree" option, you are stating that you understand the mission of this organization; you understand what is expected of you in regard to caring for this animal; and you are ready, willing, and able to make this lifelong commitment to this animal. You agree that you will keep this dog well fed, always have fresh water available, and always provide shelter for this dog.

- I agree.
- I disagree.
- Need more time to consider my options.

By signing, whether electronic or written, and submitting this application to VMDS, I hereby affirm that I have answered the above questions for VMDS to contact the landlord, veterinary, and/or personal references as needed. I understand that providing any false information can be cause for denial of my application. Leaving any questions blank or not filling out this form completely can be cause for the application to be discarded or denied.

Signature of Potential Adopter \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_