



# DOG ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU WHEN YOU VISIT THE SHELTER

Thank you for considering the adoption of a shelter animal. Before you decide to adopt, please consider the time, effort, and money (for food, supplies vaccination, and veterinary care) necessary to properly maintain an animal. Responsible pet ownership requires a commitment to provide care and companionship for the life of the animal. To ensure that you and your pet will be happy for years to come, we need to take time to discuss your needs, the needs of the dog, and his/her personality traits.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of dog you are interested in (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you currently live in a(n):  House  Apartment  Condo  Other

3. Do you currently:  Own  Rent  Lease the residence where you live?

4. How long have you lived at your current residence? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not the property owner, Benton County Canine Shelter must verify your residence's current pet policy with the landlord of the property.

Landlord's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many adults live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ How many children? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Does anyone in your household have allergies?  Yes  No

7. Who will be primarily responsible for the care of this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is this dog a gift?  Yes  No If yes, for whom? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What is your reason for wanting this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

10. How many hours will the dog be alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Where will the dog be kept when no one is home? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Where will the dog be kept at night? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you have a fenced yard?  Yes  No If yes, how high is your fence? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of fence is it? \_\_\_\_\_

14. If you have other pets, are their vaccinations up-to-date?  Yes  No

15. Do you have a regular veterinarian?  Yes  No Name: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Under what circumstances would you NOT keep a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Please list all the pets you have had in the last 10 years (including current and no longer owned):

Species	Breed	Age	Sex	Altered	Length of Ownership	What happened to him/her?
			M / F	Y / N		
			M / F	Y / N		
			M / F	Y / N		
			M / F	Y / N		
			M / F	Y / N		
			M / F	Y / N		
			M / F	Y / N		
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18. When it comes to relating to dogs, I tend to be more:

- Strict, demanding (the dog must sit for a cookie)
- Moderate (encourage good behavior, ignoring bad)
- Lenient (a little wishy-washy, easily coerced by the dog)

19. Someone in my home is nervous or unsure of dogs:

- Very
- Moderately
- Some
- Not Applicable (N/A)

20. The noise/activity level in my home is usually:  High  Medium  Low

21. I would enjoy brushing or grooming my dog:

- Rarely
- Occasionally
- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly

22. I would prefer a dog that:

- Would enjoy walking with me on a leash
- Would enjoy going to the dog park
- Would run, jog, or hike with me
- Will exercise him/herself in our yard
- Requires only enough exercise to do his/her business

23. My ideal dog would: \_\_\_\_\_

24. Bad dog habits that I just can't tolerate are: \_\_\_\_\_

**The adopter agrees that the animal will be kept only as a personal pet, not as a gift, working pet, or chained guard dog, and NEVER TO BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. The adopter also agrees to provide fresh food and water, clean and dry shelter, and daily exercise.**

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge falsification of the above can result in my being denied adoption of an animal or, if an animal has been adopted to me, the return of that animal to Benton County Animal Control.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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