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# OAKLAND ANIMAL SERVICES DOG ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(h): \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**STAFF ONLY**

ID Verified  
\_\_\_\_\_

Database Checked:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Age Checked: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Checked: \_\_\_\_\_

Proof Shown:  
Home \_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_

◆ Why do you want a dog?

◆ Have you adopted from us before? **YES / NO**

◆ Are you 18 years or older? **YES / NO**

◆ Do you own a home or rent? **OWN / RENT**  
If you rent, do you have permission to have a dog? **YES / NO**

◆ How much time did you spend with the dog outside of its kennel at the Shelter? \_\_\_\_\_

◆ How many people live in the home where the dog will live? \_\_\_\_\_

◆ Are there children in the home or do children visit the home regularly? **YES / NO**

◆ How many of the following do you currently have? **Dogs** \_\_\_ **Cats** \_\_\_ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

◆ Have you had dogs in the past? **YES / NO** If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_  
What happened to them? \_\_\_\_\_

◆ Where will the dog stay during the day? **Describe:**

◆ Where will the dog stay at night? **Describe:**

◆ Do you have a yard? **YES / NO**  
If yes, how high is the fence around the yard? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it locked? **YES / NO**

◆ How will you exercise your dog?

◆ On average, how long will the dog be alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_

◆ Where will the dog be kept when it is alone?

◆ Who will take care of the dog when you are away for an extended period?

◆ Do you understand that your new dog may show unexpected and unwanted behaviors, such as destructive chewing, loud/excessive barking, dog aggression, separation anxiety and even signs of human aggression, when he/she becomes comfortable in your home? **YES / NO**

◆ How will you handle behavior problems when they appear?

◆ What dog training class(es) will you attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
Or list the name of the dog trainer you will use: \_\_\_\_\_

◆ How will you housetrain the dog?

◆ What is the name of the veterinarian will you take your dog to?

◆ Do you understand that we can not guarantee the health of this dog? **YES / NO**

◆ How did you hear about the Oakland Animal Shelter? \_\_\_\_\_

**As a Responsible Dog Owner:**

**Read & Initial**

I will provide my dog with good care, including making sure my dog has appropriate food, water, shelter, veterinary care, exercise, toys and attention.

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I will make sure my dog has a current rabies vaccination (after the age of four months), has a current license and wears a collar with a current license tag.

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I will register my dog's microchip with 24 Hour Pet Watch and notify Oakland Animal Services and 24 Hour Pet Watch if my address/phone number changes.

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I will keep my dog on a leash in public areas and avoid taking my dog into City of Oakland Parks (except in specifically marked locations).

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I will limit the number of dogs in my household to 3 (for residents of Oakland).

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I will watch for any signs that my dog is developing any behavior problems, especially signs of aggression towards humans or other animals, and address these issues quickly, such as contacting a dog trainer for assistance. I understand that it is never recommended to leave my dog unsupervised with children.

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I will take the appropriate actions to prevent my dog from barking incessantly and disturbing the peace and comfort of others. I understand that it is not recommended to leave my dog outside at night.

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I understand that it is illegal to keep my dog chained or tethered.

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I have considered the time and financial demands of having a dog. I understand that caring for a dog can cost approximately \$50-100 a month and that I need to spend time with my dog each day to keep my dog healthy and happy.

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I have checked with my homeowner's insurance or landlord if I am going to adopt a dog such as a rottweiler, pit bull, chow, akita, doberman, etc, since some insurance companies and landlords discriminate based on breed.

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I understand that if I am no longer able to keep or care for my adopted dog and am unable to re-home the dog, I will bring the dog back to the Oakland Animal Shelter.

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*I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Oakland Animal Shelter reserves the right to deny the adoption of any animal. I understand that if I do not follow the City and State laws related to keeping a dog, I risk losing the rights to my dog.*

Applicant's Signature

Date

