



SOUTH WOOD COUNTY  
HUMANE SOCIETY

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## Canine Adoption Application

We are committed to finding the best home for every animal entrusted to our care and ensuring that the dog you are interested in adopting is best suited to you, your home, and lifestyle; therefore, we would appreciate your providing us with following information. We review each application carefully. Please understand that our responsibility to animals and clients make it necessary for us to deny some applications.

What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your permanent street address, where the dog will be living: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been employed there? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever applied to adopt/previously adopted from the South Wood County Humane Society?

No  Yes (If yes, how long ago?) \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you find out about the SWCHS or this animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following information regarding the household in which your pet will reside:

How many adults live in this household? \_\_\_\_\_

How many children live in this household? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the ages of the children? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of dwelling do you live in?  House  Condo  Apartment

Mobile Home  Farm  Dorm  Other \_\_\_\_\_

I live with:  Parents  Other  I rent  I own

If you rent, does your landlord/home association allow pets? \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord Name & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you over 21 years of age and have identification saying so? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider your yard small, medium, or large? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it fenced in?  Yes  No If fenced, please describe height/type: \_\_\_\_\_

Dogs may live more than 15 years. Are you willing to make the commitment to care for this animal for the rest of its life?  Yes  No

What type(s) of pets have you owned during the past five (5) years?

Type/Breed	Kept Inside/Outside	Age	Name	Spayed/Neutered?	Still Own?

If you no longer have the pet(s) listed, please explain what happened to him/her:

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Are all the animals you have now up-to-date on their rabies & distemper vaccinations?

Yes     No     Unsure

How much do you think the cost of spaying and neutering is? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to assume the financial responsibilities of providing your dog with adequate food, medical care, housing, training, toys, etc. (approximately \$400-\$700 per year)? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this an expense you can afford? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of food do you intend to feed your dog? How often? \_\_\_\_\_

It may take your new dog a month or longer to adjust to its new home. Are you prepared to allow this much time?  Yes     No    Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to take your dog to obedience classes?  Yes     No     Unsure

Where will you keep the dog during the day and night? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours will your dog be kept outside? \_\_\_\_\_

If your dog is kept outside, what type of shelter will be provided?

Not applicable     Fenced Yard     Barn     Garage     Kennel  
 Dog House     Running Cable     Other

How many hours during the day will your dog be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

When you are not home, this pet will be:  Crate trained     Confined to a room

Have run of house     Kept outside     Other \_\_\_\_\_

How will the dog be exercised? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be exercising your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of the license, leash, and animal laws of your community?  Yes     No

Is the dog being adopted as a: (Check all that apply.)

- |                                    |   |  |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet       | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift             | <input type="checkbox"/> Companion for other pet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guard dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding  | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Companion |  |

What is the activity level of your household?

- Quiet     Active     Very active

How often do people visit your home?

- Seldom     Occasionally     Very frequently

Are you planning to move in the next six months? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are moving, are animals allowed at your new home?     Yes     No     Unsure

Do all the members in your household know that you plan to adopt? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household have any allergies to animals? \_\_\_\_\_

Are allergies controlled by medication/other means? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be the dog's primary caretaker (i.e., feed, train, exercise, groom, take to veterinarian, etc.?)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of, or received citations for, the violation of Federal, State, or Municipal animal codes?     Yes     No    If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your past experience with dogs?

- First time owner     Have had one or two     Knowledgeable & experienced

Please provide a brief description of how you would correct your new puppy/dog if it showed destructive behavior (i.e., chewing, clawing, barking?)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How often do you travel and who will be caring for your dog while you are away? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan on housebreaking this dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Even housetrained dogs may have housetraining accidents during the new transition. How would you correct this problem? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Change is inevitable in one's lifetime. What will you do if you move/can no longer care for your animal?

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If you have had pets in the past, which veterinarian did you see? If not local, please include city in which their office is located and phone #:

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Please provide two *non-related* references, providing us with phone numbers (including area codes) where they can be reached during the day:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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I certify that I am at least 21 years of age and the information I have given is true. I recognize that any misrepresentations of facts may result in my losing the privilege of adopting a pet. I authorize any and all verifications of statements made in the application, and I understand that the **South Wood County Humane Society** has the right to deny my application.

I am fully aware that I am adopting a living creature and, as such, that the **South Wood County Humane Society** is unable to guarantee the health of the animal. If this animal becomes ill, I certify that I am financially and/or emotionally prepared to treat this animal at my own expense.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your interest in the South Wood County Humane Society!**

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Please initial item as completed.

\_\_\_\_\_ SWCHS Records

\_\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian Reference

\_\_\_\_\_ Landlord, Condo, Mobile Home Manager Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Reference 1 contacted

\_\_\_\_\_ Reference 2 contacted

Adoption:

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Pending \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

\_\_\_\_\_ Follow-up from Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Deposit/Adoption Fee Paid?

\_\_\_\_\_ Bathe, Clean Ears, Clip Nails

\_\_\_\_\_ Goodie Bag?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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