

Adoption Application: Dog/Puppy

Thank you for your interest in giving a pet in need a loving home! Please note that due to COVID-19, the Guelph Humane Society is currently closed to members of the public. Adoptions will be conducted virtually using phone meetings and videoconferencing (e.g., ZOOM). We will not be able to invite adopters into the shelter to meet pets prior to adoption.

To be considered as a potential adopter, an adoption application form must be completed and submitted. The adoption form will allow the GHS team a chance to get to know your home, your lifestyle, and determine if the pet you have expressed interest in adopting may be a good fit. As applications are accepted 24 hours a day 7 days a week, adopters understand that multiple applications may be submitted for a single animal and that submission does not guarantee the adoption of a specific pet. Please note that due to limited resources, staffing and restrictions in place due to COVID-19, our adoption process is taking longer, and we ask for patience while we review all applications submitted in order to find our pets loving new homes.

Please email completed forms and any questions regarding the adoption procedure to adoptions@guelphhumane.ca. We sincerely thank you for your continued support during this time and hope that you and your family stay safe. Sincerely- The GHS Family.

I have read the above and understand the adoption procedure (check):

Name of Dog you're interested in Adopting:	Animal ID (if known, usually found on GHS Website):
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ADOPTER INFORMATION

Full Name:	Occupation:
Address:	Unit #:
City:	Postal Code
Primary Contact #:	Secondary Contact #:
Email Address:	

1. Please indicate all human members of the household, including yourself:

First and Last Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant
		<i>Self</i>

Is everyone in the household aware that you have applied to adopt a dog/puppy from GHS?

Yes No

2. Please list the current pets residing in your home:

Pet Name	Species & Breed	Age	Sex	Spayed or Neutered?	Declawed?	Indoor or Outdoor?	Where did you get this pet?
			M F	Yes No	Yes No	In Out Both	
			M F	Yes No	Yes No	In Out Both	
			M F	Yes No	Yes No	In Out Both	

What year was your pet(s) last seen by a veterinarian?

Describe the pets you've had in the past:

Have you ever had to rehome a pet? If so, please explain the situation:

3. My dog would need to get along with (check all that apply):

Children < 2 years old		Frequent Visitors/Strangers		Cats	
Children 2-8 years old		Seniors		Small Animals	
Children >8 years old		Other Dogs		Other:	

4. In what type of dwelling do you live (e.g., apartment, townhouse, house?): _____

5. Do you have a fenced-in backyard? Yes No

6. Please elaborate how you plan to physically exercise & mentally stimulate your new dog:

7. On average, how long will your dog be left alone each day (e.g., hours)?: _____

8. Have you previously had a pet with medical or behavioural challenges? _____

9. Are you open to adopting a pet with medical and/or behavioural needs? If yes, please check all that apply:

Medical	Yes!	Behavioural	Yes!
Long-term Medical (e.g., diabetes, daily medication, etc.)		Separation Anxiety (e.g., chews furniture, barks, eliminates in the home when alone)	
Veterinary Prescription Diet		Timid/Shy (e.g., growls or shies away from new people or animals)	
Dogs with the known potential for medical needs in the future (e.g., dental, rechecks, bloodwork, etc.)		Resource Guarding (e.g., growls/snaps when people or animals come near food, toys or other resources)	
Palliative		Dog Reactivity (e.g., growls, barks, or does not like other dogs)	
		Overstimulation (e.g., jumps or nips when stressed/excited)	
		Untrained (e.g., jumps up on people/counters, not housetrained)	
		Touch Sensitivity (may growl/snap when touched on paws, tail, etc.)	

10. Are you prepared to provide for an aging and/or senior dog?

11. Do you plan to take your new dog to training classes? Yes No

12. Have you taken a dog to training classes in the past? Yes No

If yes- with what trainer, how long ago? _____

13. Please explain how you would handle the following situations/examples:

a. Your dog growls when you try to take food away from him/her: _____

b. Your dog barks/lunges at another dog while being walked on leash: _____

c. Your dog growls at a visitor to your home: _____

d. Your dog growls when being touched on their feet, or another part of their body: _____

14. What will the average day look like for your dog (e.g., wake up time, exercise routine, etc.): _____

15. Do you have a veterinarian in mind for your new pet? _____

16. From your research, what traits (e.g., behaviours, personality) are you expecting your dog to exhibit, based on the breed and their adoption profile? _____

17. Anything else that you would like to share with us? _____

Thank you for your patience during this uncertain time.

We wish you and your family all the best and hope that you stay safe!

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Date Application Received:	Date of Adoption Meeting:
Date/Time of Dog to Dog Introduction (if applicable):	

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