

West Memphis Animal Shelter.....Dog/Puppy Adoption Application

Thank you for your interest in adopting a dog from West Memphis Animal Services. We want to place our animals in permanent responsible homes and at the same time match you with a pet that is suitable for your family and your lifestyle.

What type of pet are you looking for? DOG ___ PUPPY ___ Pet Chosen _____

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____ Are you over the age of 21? YES ___ NO ___

Number of people in your household: _____ Number of children (____) and their ages: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant's Home Phone: _____, Cell Phone: _____, Work Phone: _____

*Must have an Email for Microchip! Email Address: _____

West Memphis Animal Shelter asks a lot of questions to prospective adopters for two main reasons:

1. To ensure long-term homes for the animals in our care
2. To facilitate good matches between adopters and their adopted companions.

Please answer all applicable questions. **INCOMPLETE** application **will not** be processed.

Please note that although we strive to find loving homes for all our furry friends, we do reserve the right to decline any application. In the event that we don't feel that your home would be the right fit, we'll be happy to try to help connect you with a better fit.

*Do you own your own home? YES ___ NO ___ How long have you lived at the above address? _____ Day's weeks months years

*Do you live in a: House ___ Apartment ___ Condo ___ Mobile Home ___ Duplex ___ Town House ___ Other _____

*If you rent, does your lease allow pets? YES ___ NO ___ Don't Know ___ How many pets are allowed? _____ Weight Limit? _____

*Do you have to pay a pet deposit? YES ___ NO ___ How Much? _____ Are any fees added to your monthly rent? YES ___ NO ___

*Landlord Name or apartment complex: _____ Phone Number: _____

*Do you have pets now? Dogs ___ How many? _____ Cats ___ How many? _____ Other ___ what kind(s) _____

*What is the name of your veterinarian? _____ Phone: _____

*Under whose name are the animal's medical records listed under. _____ Relationship to you: _____

*Are your dogs on monthly preventative for heartworms? YES ___ NO ___ List your Brand of Prevention: _____

*Is your yard completely fenced in? YES ___ NO ___ How tall is your fence: _____ ft. Fencing material is made of: _____

*If you don't have a fence, how will you keep the dog contained onto your property? _____

*Where will the animal primarily be kept? Indoors ___ Outdoors ___ Indoors mostly with outside on nice days _____

*How many hours daily will the pet be left unsupervised/unattended? _____ Hrs. Are you going to crate train? YES ___ NO ___

*Are you financially prepared for any unexpected expenses such as an emergency or chronic illness? YES ___ NO ___

*Give a detailed explanation of why you want the particular breed you do. _____

*Would you consider adopting a pet with special needs, such as medical or behavioral problems? YES ___ NO ___ *look on backside

*How much are you willing to spend each year on vet care, food, grooming needs, supplies, and other expenses?
(Circle One) As little as possible? _____ Whatever it takes? _____ How often you think the dog will need vet care? _____

*Do you have cats or other small animals in your home? YES ___ NO ___ if yes, what type _____

*What kind of food do you plan to feed the dog? _____ Treats? _____

*Have you ever given up an animal? YES ___ NO ___ When? _____ Why? _____

*Are you also looking for a dog through other channels, such as pet stores, breeders, or other animal shelters? YES ___ NO ___ MAYBE ___

*Will this pet ever be taken into public areas or come into contact with children, dogs, cats, horses, or other pets? YES ___ NO ___ MAYBE ___
(Circle all that apply) Dog Parks Pet Stores Doggy Daycare Public Parks/Recreational Facility Other _____

*Who is going to be the primary caretaker of the dog for feedings, veterinary visits, grooming and purchasing supplies for the dog?

*How do you plan to integrate this dog into your family? _____

*How do you plan to socialize, train or tame the dog you wish to adopt?

1. Socialize? _____

2. Train? _____

3. Tame an out of control, unsocialized or shy dog? _____

*What activities would you like to do with the pet? (Be Specific) _____

*How much do you know about basic veterinary care, pest control management, or conditions common to the breed you are interested in adopting? _____

*What will happen if this dog becomes barrier aggressive? _____

*What will happen if this dog has resource guarding issues? _____

*What will happen if you move and can no longer keep the dog? _____ ***We require the dog be returned to WMAS!**

***Please check all that apply. I want to adopt this dog...**

- As a family pet To breed with my dog To train/use for hunting To train/use for agility To train/use as a therapy dog
 To train/use as an assistance dog for the disabled To use as a guard dog For a jogging/hiking partner
 To interact with lots of friends/family as a gift for a friend, partner, or family member as a companion for my dog(s)
 As a companion for my cat(s) as a companion for my child/children/grandchildren

***Please check all that apply. My adopted dog will...**

- Be kept outside most of the time Be kept indoors most of the time Be left outside during the work day while we are away
 Be kept inside while we are away Be crated when we are not home Have free reign of the house when we are not home
 Be taken to formal obedience classes Be trained by me/us Take frequent car rides with us
 Be kept on a lead line/cable in the yard be mostly interacting with adults be interacting frequently with children under 8
 be interacting frequently with older children Must be housebroken prior to adoption Will be housetrained by us
 Will be walked more than one mile per day every day will be walked occasionally
 Be attending formal group obedience classes with us be trained by us without the advice of a trainer *Continued...

- Have private sessions with a trainer as needed
- be attending agility classes
- be taking frequent car rides/trips with us
- Be boarded when we go on vacation
- Stay with family when we go on vacation
- Be given away to someone else if we feel it's not a good match for us
- be turned into a shelter if we can't keep it
- Be going camping with us
- be going on boat trips with us
- be outside with a doghouse in a fenced area
- Be outside chained/tethered to a doghouse
- Be free roaming on the farm (unfenced)

***Please take time to think, be honest with yourself and us when answering this question. What are you absolutely NOT willing to deal with at the time of adoption or at any time during the life of the dog? ***

- Housebreaking
- Chewing
- Jumping
- Pulling on leash during walks
- Counter surfing
- Obedience training
- Fear of men
- Fear of women
- Fear of children
- Mouthiness (may sometimes snag your hand or arm instead of the toy in play and will need redirection/training)
- Growling
- Barking
- Rough play with my dog
- High activity level
- Food/toy aggression/not willing to share with other dogs
- Food/toy aggression with people
- Whining/crying
- Counter surfing
- Blindness
- Limited Sight
- Deafness
- Separation Anxiety
- Diabetes
- Special Diet
- Long Term Medication
- Incontinence / Leaking Urine
- Taking classes with the dog
- gets stressed/carsick when riding in vehicle
- doesn't know how to climb stairs
- Can't climb stairs due to age/arthritis/health issues
- Heart condition
- Skin allergies
- Food allergies
- Trimming nails
- Yeast on coat or in ears
- Ear mites
- Fleas
- Ticks
- Heartworm preventative
- Annual heartworm/lyme combo testing
- I will do whatever it takes to help this dog adjust and work with a trainer to help resolve any training needs.

YOUR CURRENT PETS IN THE HOME

Current Pet(s) Include animals living inside and outside of your home, farm or barn.

| Name & Breed | Age | Sex | Spayed / Neutered / Veterinarian who performed surgery | Yearly Vaccines UTD | Heartworm Prevention UTD |
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Previous Pet(s) If you have had pets within the past ten (10) years, please complete chart below.

In the column, "What happened," write why the pet is no longer with you. (If pet died, list cause of death)

| Name & Breed | Age | Sex | Spayed or Neutered | What happened to Previous Pet {Gave away. Sold. Surrendered to shelter. Abandoned. Ran away. Died, Etc.} |
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Release & Indemnification/No Liability Clause

Adopter hereby releases The City of West Memphis & the WMAS from any and all liability for personal injury, property damage, legal fees, veterinary care, or any other expense or liability incurred by ADOPTER as a result of this adoption. Adopter agrees to indemnify the WMAS from any and all such claims and to pay, without limitation, any costs related to such injury, damage, or liability, including, in the case of litigations, any attorney's fees incurred by the WMAS in its defense.

Sterilization Agreement Clause (If Applicable)

In accordance with Arkansas State Law, I hereby agree to have this animal sterilized (if not already) by a licensed veterinarian of the West Memphis Animal Shelter's choosing or to return the animal to the West Memphis Animal Shelter and/or forfeit any amounts paid. (Violators are considered a misdemeanor subject to an additional \$100.00 fine plus court cost.) This document provides for the release of Liability of the City of West Memphis and/or West Memphis Animal Shelter and its members and/or representatives due to the actions of any animal released into the ownership of the City of West Memphis/West Memphis Animal Shelter and placed/rehomed into a permanent adoptive home. *All animals over the age of 16 weeks and in healthy condition at time of adoption shall not leave the premises without first being sterilized. For puppies/kittens under the age of 16 weeks or not healthy enough to go through surgery shall be spayed or neutered at a later date with a deadline date of _____. If we have trouble obtaining the animal for state law required sterilization, we will seek this matter through the judicial process and/or may request forfeiture of the adoption and immediate seizure of said animal placed up for adoption.

Right to Reclaim Clause

Adopter understands and agrees that the WMAS reserves the right to reclaim adoptee if any of the above conditions are not met to the satisfaction of WMAS. Adopter further understands and agrees that any expenses incurred by WMAS in exercising its rights under this provision will be paid by Adopter in addition to any liquidated damages required by other provisions of this agreement.

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Breach of Agreement/Liquidated Damages Clause

In the event that you do not comply with the terms of this agreement, or the animal is abused or neglected, we hold the right to recover the animal from you upon demand, and the animal will be surrendered to us immediately. In addition, without waiving any of our rights under this agreement, if you do not surrender the animal to us, you will owe us a payment in the amount of \$1,200.00 (per animal) agreed between us as just and reasonable liquidated damages to compensate us for our costs and expenses in connection with your breach of this agreement and we reserve our rights to reacquire the said animal.

Entire Agreement/Modification/Binding Effect

This agreement is the entire agreement between Adopter and WMAS, and supersedes any prior understandings between adopter and WMAS with respect to the subject matter of this agreement. No modifications of this agreement will be valid unless in writing duly signed by both the Adopter and WMAS. This agreement is binding upon adopter, their heirs, assigns, successors, personal representatives and executors.

The information I have given in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I hereby give my permission for WMAS staff to contact my veterinarian and hereby release animal health records both past and present to the West Memphis Animal Shelter and their adoption personnel.

Furthermore, I agree that I have read and agree to the above seven (7) contract, clauses, and effects and I understand my rights as the adopter of the said animal I have chosen to adopt.

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Adopter Signature _____ Co-Adopter Signature _____ Date _____

Shelter Personnel Signature _____ Date _____

