

Save Our Small DOGS

A 501(c)3 non-profit organization

Adoption Application

This **CANNOT BE FILLED IN ONLINE**. PRINT this application on letter size paper and fill in all information.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR ANSWERS CLEARLY. Sign the application and send in one of these ways:

MAIL TO: SOS DOGS 18 Downing Street Cherry Hill, NJ 08003-1519
FASTER: SCAN AND EMAIL TO: adopt@sosdogs.org

Do NOT send this application as it will be DISCARDED (NO exceptions!) if:

- You do not currently or have not in the recent past owned a **dog** and therefore:
- You do not have vet records in your name for us to verify. We **MUST** talk to your vet about the care you gave previous or current dogs
- You have not spayed or neutered your dogs, they are not up on all shots and/or do not use heartworm preventative.
- You currently own a **LARGE** aggressive **DOG** or have a child under age 5, both of whom can injure a small dog
- You have an invisible fence, which requires a shock collar
- **SOS DOGS rescue reserves the right to refuse any adoption application.**

SOS DOGS is dedicated to the care of tiny helpless dogs and to placing them in loving homes with **experienced** and compatible owners who can provide what **THE DOG NEEDS**. An incorrect placement may mean the dog once again ends up in rescue. Therefore, please take a few minutes to fill out this questionnaire. Although it may seem very extensive, our goal is to make each adoption a rewarding experience for you and your new pet. This questionnaire helps us to place our little babies quickly and correctly, meeting everyone's needs.

If interested in a specific dog on the website, list the dog's name here:	Date of Application:

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print clearly.)

Applicant Name (must be over 25)	LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	
Co-applicant (spouse, etc) (must be over 25)	LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	
E-mail Address – PRINT – must have an email address!				If email changes ADVISE US IMMEDIATELY
Home Address				
City		State		Zip Code + 4
Home Phone		Work Phone		
Fax		Cell Phone		
Applicant Age		APP Occupation		
Co-applicant Age		CO Occupation		

We DO NOT ship dogs. You must be willing to drive to NJ or surrounding state to get the dog. If acceptable, please initial: _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Type of Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Single home <input type="checkbox"/> Row home <input type="checkbox"/> Farm/Rural home <input type="checkbox"/> Duplex <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium <input type="checkbox"/> Townhouse <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment			
Do you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Own your own home <input type="checkbox"/> Rent your home	The area is :	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural	
How big is your yard?		Your house?:	_____ Square feet	
Do you have a completely fenced area? How tall and what type is the fence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How big is the fenced area?		
Do you feel your fence is secure enough to secure a small dog from going under or through?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you do not have a fenced yard, please tell us how you plan to provide exercise and elimination:				
IF YOU RENT: Landlord Name		Landlord Phone		

Years in current residence		Years in previous home	
Do you own a pool or hot tub?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, is it fenced so the dog can't fall in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May we do a home inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, what time is best?	<input type="checkbox"/> Days <input type="checkbox"/> Weekends <input type="checkbox"/> Evenings
PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD			
<i>Please note that we do NOT adopt to anyone with children under the age of 5.</i>			
Name		Age	Relationship to Applicant
Do all adults work full-time?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Part-time? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes: Hours: _____ Days _____
Does your job require travel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, how often do you travel?	
Are you subject to relocation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is anyone home while you work?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, who?

DOG CARE INFORMATION			
How many TOTAL hours a day will the dog be alone?	Day Hours	Evening Hours	
If you work an 8 hour day, what provisions will be made for the dog's ability to eliminate during this time?			
Where will the dog be kept during the day?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Loose indoors	<input type="checkbox"/> Crate	<input type="checkbox"/> Basement	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Room
<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Room	<input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> Other confined room
<input type="checkbox"/> Fenced yard	<input type="checkbox"/> Chained outside	<input type="checkbox"/> Fenced dog area	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Kennel Run
<input type="checkbox"/> Loose outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio/Electric Fenced Yard	<input type="checkbox"/> On lead attached to house/tree, etc
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____			
Where will the dog sleep at night?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Loose indoors	<input type="checkbox"/> Crate	<input type="checkbox"/> Basement	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Room
<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Room	<input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> Other confined room
<input type="checkbox"/> Fenced yard	<input type="checkbox"/> Chained outside	<input type="checkbox"/> Fenced dog area	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Kennel Run
<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> In bed with us	<input type="checkbox"/> In bed with a child	<input type="checkbox"/> In bedroom on floor
<input type="checkbox"/> On lead attached to house <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____			
Who will be responsible for housebreaking, feeding, training, grooming?			
How many years experience does this person have in dog training, etc?			
Who will take care of the dog if you are unable (ill, vacation, etc)?			
Animals are as individual as people. How much time will you allow this dog to adjust to your homes and life?			
Under what circumstances would you not keep the dog?			
Please tell us how you would housebreak a dog, including what PREVENTATIVE measures you would use:			

PET HISTORY
It has been our experience that potential adopters who have never owned pets before are not prepared for the problems that may occur with a rescue dog and return the dog, causing unnecessary trauma. Therefore, we do NOT adopt to anyone who has not had an dog before and/or who does not have a good recent verifiable vet record to confirm it's care....NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!
Please tell us what happened to any previous pets

Do you understand that a new dog may not immediately "get along" with other animals or family members? How do you plan to help this process?

Have you ever had an animal **die** at an early age?

Yes No

If yes, explain:

Have you ever given an animal to a **shelter** or rescue?

Yes No

If yes, explain:

Have you ever had a **rescue** animal before?

Yes No

If yes, explain:

CURRENT PETS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

<u>TYPE/BREED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>S</u> <u>E</u> <u>X</u>	<u>A</u> <u>G</u> <u>E</u>	<u>W</u> <u>E</u> <u>I</u> <u>G</u> <u>H</u> <u>T</u>	<u>YRS</u> <u>OWN</u>	<u>SPAYED OR</u> <u>NEUTERED</u> <u>Y or N</u>	<u>WHERE OBTAINED?</u>	<u>SHOTS</u> <u>CURRENT</u> <u>?</u>	<u>ON HEARTWORM</u> <u>PREVENTATIVE</u> <u>Y or N</u> <u>& Brand Name</u>

Are your dogs either submissive or aggressive?:

What do you feed your dogs?

DOG WANTED

You will receive notices of EVERY dog we have available, but for our information.....

Breed Preferred: Yorkie Bichon/Poodle Maltese Westie Any small dog

Sex Preferred: Male Female Either *Please note males are MUCH more available than females*

Oldest age acceptable? _____ years Will take a small dog of any age

YES NO Will you accept a dog who has been **abused** (but does NOT bite).

YES NO Will you accept a dog who has treatable **medical** problems (i.e., pills).

YES NO Will you accept a dog who needs some **housebreaking** help?

YES NO Does anyone in your house have **allergies** to pets? Please note bichons and poodles are known as hypo-allergenic; others are non-shedding and often do not cause allergies.

REFERENCES

Please provide reference information of NEIGHBORS ONLY (not friends) who may be contacted as part of the approval process.

Name of neighbor to the right _____ Phone / email _____

Name of neighbor to the left _____ Phone / email _____

Applicants Employer (Name, phone/ email): _____

Co-Applicant's Employer (Name, phone/ email): _____

Groomer you have used with your pets (name, phone/email): _____

VET REFERENCES: PLEASE READ THIS: DO NOT send this application if you do not have a vet who you have used for your previous or current dog OR there are no records available for us to verify in YOUR NAME. Please call your vet to make sure they are available if your dog has died or it has been more than a year since you've had a dog. We **MUST** be able to call and speak to your vet and discuss your history. If records are not available at the vet's, you may send copies of your last few years of vet bills to show care given.

If you send this when you have no vet history, your application will be discarded...NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!

Vet records current or available? YES NO I'm attaching copies of my records YES NO

Name of vet office _____ Doctor's name _____

Phone # of vet office _____ Date of last visit _____

Email of vet office: _____ Reason for last visit _____

City, State of vet office _____ Any additional comment? _____

Please list any memberships in Humane Societies, organizations or clubs related to dogs and/or training or any related volunteer work:

SOME CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE ADOPTING	
Do you understand and accept that this may be a 15 year commitment (life of a small dog), which means if you retire, want to travel, you have to consider the dog and cannot just dump it?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If you are a senior citizen, do you have someone who will care for the dog when you no longer can? You might consider making provisions for the care of your dog(s) in your will so they don't end up in a shelter.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Have you considered and accepted the expense of an annual vet check-up and vaccinations, vet care in case of emergencies or illness, annual teeth cleaning, monthly heartworm preventative, flea and tic preventative, grooming, dog food, etc.? (several hundred a year)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Have you considered and accepted that if you currently rent and move, you must find another rental that permits pets? Not all rentals permit animals and it will limit your choice of rentals?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Are you aware that the adults must adopt a dog and be responsible for it? A pet cannot be adopted "for the children" and then no longer be kept when the children lose interest. Is this acceptable to you?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Are there any children in your household who could open a door to go out and inadvertently let a dog run out? If yes, please answer the next two:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Are you willing to teach your children to accept the additional responsibility, care and <u>humane</u> treatment of a pet?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Are you willing to supervise your children to be certain they <u>do not harm</u> a small, helpless animal?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Would you consider volunteering to help SOS DOGS?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If Yes, in which of the following areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> Fostering dogs <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation of dogs <input type="checkbox"/> Checking prospective homes
In what towns, geographic areas or states will you help?	

ADOPTION PROCESS:

WHEN WE FIND A DOG FOR YOU: When you adopt a dog through us, you will be asked to sign an Adoption Contract.

CONTRACT: This contract specifies, among other things, that the dog: will receive proper specified home and vet medical care, including an annual exam and shots, monthly heartworm preventative given year round, etc.; will be licensed and identified; will always be on a leash or in a fenced yard; will never be taken to a shelter or given away; will not be used for anything other than a family pet; will live indoors; will not be chained; you will contact this rescue if you can no longer keep the dog so we can find a new home; and it allows for us to contact you for verification of the dog's welfare. There is also a release statement.

ADOPTION FEES are based on age and include all medical being done (except in exceptional circumstances). The fee is based on age, not on our medical expenses, so a dog who costs us \$5,000 in medical or a dog who costs us nothing have equal chances of being adopted. SOS DOGS is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Please realize that dogs need vet care throughout their lives, including yearly exams and boosters, monthly heartworm and flea/tic preventative meds, emergency care, etc. If you cannot afford the adoption fee, can you afford the appropriate vet care? Please consider this before adopting anywhere. Are these terms acceptable to you? If so, please indicate by signing below: **I certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete. I understand that by signing below I am signing a legal agreement, and making a commitment for the life of the dog. Further, I state that I have read the Adoption Contract terms and fee requirement information on the website and hereby agree that , should I adopt a dog, I will sign and return the contract within 5 days and comply with all terms in a timely manner.**

Signed Print Name Date

If you qualify, please return this application to: **SOS DOGS, 18 Downing St., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 or scan and email to email@sosdogs.org**

If you would like to send a tax deductible donation with your application, we thank you very much!!! We'll send you a receipt!

*****FOR RESCUE USE ONLY:*****			
DHLPP	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	DATE	ALTERED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
RABIES	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	DATE	EMERGENCIES <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
H/W TEST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	DATE	ILLNESS
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	TYPE DATE	CARE
H/W	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	TYPE	OTHER
TEETH	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	DATE	EVALUATOR

INSTRUCTIONS

DO NOT SEND THIS PAGE

You can snail mail the application, but we suggest scanning it, saving it as a jpg or pdf, and emailing all four pages in one email to adopt@sosdogs.org. Do not include this page!

It would be very helpful to this application if you could take digital pictures of your home and email them.

Please include pictures of the following:

The front of the house, view from front door to the street, the back of the house from the end of the yard, the yard showing the fence, all main rooms (kitchen, family, dining, living, bedrooms) **AND any other rooms the dog will be in**

Thank you very much. This will expedite things.

What happens next:

Once your application is received by SOS, **you will receive an email** informing you that your application has or has not received preliminary approval; if approved, **your e-mail address will be added to the notification list**. You will then be notified of EVERY dog available. **If you don't receive email notices** for a few weeks, please check with us to make sure your email address is still on the notification list and working.

If you have applied for a particular dog, we will notify you if your home has been chosen.

Being added to the email notification list **DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE APPROVED TO ADOPT A DOG!!** It merely means you meet the PRELIMINARY requirements of no small children, a vet history, and no large dogs that can hurt a small one, etc. Once you express interest in adopting a particular dog, we will then decide if your home meets this dog's needs, make all necessary calls and do all checks that are required for approval for adoption.

Very often we will also send emails about small dogs available at other rescues or shelters and contact information. Please use that contact person, email address or telephone number to get any further information about the dog and to adopt the dog. SOS DOGS just passes on this notice to you as a way of helping the dogs in other rescues and we are not the ones adopting out the dog, so we can't answer questions!

Check your email frequently. **PLEASE do NOT respond if the dog in a notification email does not interest you.** You need only **contact us ASAP when the dog is of interest to you** so that we may further explore the compatibility. Otherwise, just delete the messages.

Please contact us at email@sosdogs.org if you:

- change your email address, home address or telephone number
- change your mind and no longer want a dog
- get a dog elsewhere.

Your application will remain active for one year. You will receive an email notice when it expires and you can reapply if you wish.