

# Adoption Application

○ BIG DOG HAVEN, INC. · SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

## BIG DOG HAVEN ADOPTION APPLICATION

Name of dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

### ADOPTER INFORMATION Name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home  
phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ How did  
you hear about us?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION:** Ages, names, & birthdays of all adults, 18+, living in your home:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages of all children living in the home: \_\_\_\_\_ Does anyone in the household have allergies to dogs?  Yes  No If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you live in house, apartment, or other? \_\_\_\_\_ Own or rent? \_\_\_\_\_ If rent, are there pet restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_ Landlords name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ - If you rent, we will be contacting your landlord to get approval for you to foster animals there.

Please list all of your current pets including names, ages, m/f, if altered, and how long you have owned them.

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*\_\_ Please use back of application if you run out of space. We recommend all other animals in your home be up to date on vaccinations.*

**Have you ever turned in an animal to local animal control?** \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what was the reason? \_\_\_\_\_

**Who will be the primary caretaker of your dog(s)?**

**Do you have a criminal record or are a felon?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a fenced yard?** \_\_\_\_\_ **If so, how high is fence?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Big Dog Haven requires that all adopted dogs be in a fenced yard or on a leash when outside.** Do you agree with this? \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you describe your level of experience with dogs? check all that apply**  Never had a dog  Had childhood pet dog  Had one or more as an adult  Have experience working with on-going medical problems with a personal dog  Have experience working with behavioral problems with a personal dog  Have experience working in a veterinary hospital  Am a professional dog trainer  Have previous foster/rescue experience  
Do you have experience with:  small dogs  medium dogs  large dogs

**How many hours during the AVERAGE day will this dog spend WITHOUT a human?** \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this dog be when alone? \_\_\_\_\_ Where will this dog sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_ If kenneled, how many hours a day will the dog spend in kennel? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please read the following carefully:** The parties hereto agree that the owners shall abide by the following conditions: \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as the dog, is being transferred to the adopting owner with the understanding that the adopter is taking

possession of the dog to treat and to be responsible for it as their own dog. The dog will be treated as a family member with loving care and affection. I will do my best to ensure the dog's safety and well-being. I/we will feed the dog at least twice a day and will provide a fresh supply of water at all times. The dog will live inside my home and will not be isolated from the family. I will walk my dog on a leash or exercise my dog in a fenced yard, which must be provided unless waived by BDH. I will never let my dog run loose or roam, keep my dog chained or tied up, keep it continuously in a yard, garage, patio, balcony, or pen, or leave my dog outdoors, even in a fenced yard when no one is at home. I will not have the dog attack-trained nor will I use it for any purpose other than companionship. I will not have the dog's ears cropped nor will I have its tail docked. I will never allow any physical, mental, or emotional abuse of the dog. I will take the dog to a licensed veterinarian when shots are due \_\_\_\_\_, but in no event later than one year from the last vet visit. I will provide all required and/or needed veterinary care, including: rabies shots as required every one or three years; yearly booster shots for DHLPPC; and prompt treatment by a licensed veterinarian for any illness or injury. If not already done, I will have the dog spayed/neutered by (date) \_\_\_\_\_ and will immediately forward proof to the BDH office. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the immediate return of the dog to BDH. If any accidental breeding has taken place, puppies will be turned over to BDH and owner will be responsible for all legal fees. I/we affirm that no member of my household has been convicted of an animal welfare law violation such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment etc. I will ensure compliance with all applicable local and state statutes. I will not use a correction/prong style collar at any time, except for training under the guidance of a qualified dog trainer. I am adopting the dog for myself and I agree to not give away, sell, or trade my dog, even as a gift to a friend or family member. I will neither take the dog to a shelter nor abandon the dog. I understand that I must notify BDH, without delay, if I can no longer care for or keep my dog and agree to give BDH reasonable time to rehome my dog or place my dog in an approved foster home, if available. I must notify BDH of any behavioral problems that have occurred at any time before I return my dog and I agree to pay for a professional trainer's evaluation in case of biting or aggression. If dog is removed from property, harmed, sold, or transferred without express written permission from BDH, BDH will pursue through the legal system for costs and damages, including all legal fees. I agree to accept responsibility and ownership of the dog at my own risk and I release BDH and its agents from any and all liability arising out of possession and ownership of my dog. I agree that I am assuming total financial responsibility for my pet as of the date of this contract. BDH and its agents will not be held responsible for any damages or expenses (veterinary or other)

incurred during my ownership of the dog. In the event the dog becomes lost or dies, I will immediately notify BDH. I will also immediately notify BDH of any change of contact information (address, phone number, or email address). This dog's known background and medical history have been discussed with me. I understand that BDH has made no representation concerning the health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the dog. I agree to permit BDH to make inquiry about and enforce any of the above conditions and requirements at any time after adoption. This can include visits to my home and contact with my veterinarian. I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE DOG TO BIG DOG HAVEN. I understand that by voluntarily signing this agreement, I am entering into a legal and binding contract with Big Dog Haven. Breach of any term(s) of this agreement is deemed actionable by BDH.

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Signature & Date

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\_\_ Witnessed by & Date

Return Application to: [rescue@bigdoghaven.com](mailto:rescue@bigdoghaven.com)