



Dog Adoption Application

Thank you for adopting a pet! The questions on this application are not a test, they will simply help the Animal Rescue League of Iowa (ARL) ensure that we make a great match. Remember – **adopting a pet is a lifetime commitment!** We strongly recommend that pets meet all humans and other pets (if applicable) living in the household prior to adoption.

ARL Adoption Requirements:

Be at least 18 years old.
Make sure all the adults living in your household know about the pet and agree that it can live there.
Have a valid identification with your current address (or other proof of current address).
Understand that no animals will be adopted for consumption or research. The ARL only adopts animals as family pets.
For the safety of your pet, agree to take him/her home with a leash and collar.*

*These items may be purchased in advance or at the time of adoption.

THE ARL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY PET ADOPTION.

Section I – Adopter Information

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Emergency Contact (outside of your household) Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

1. Where do you live: House Apartment Condominium Townhome Duplex Dorm Farm Mobile Home

2. Do you: Own Rent Live with parents

3. Have you ever adopted a pet from the ARL before? Yes No

4. Have you ever been refused adoption of a pet from the ARL of Iowa or any other shelter? Yes No

If yes, why? _____

5. Have you ever been involved with an animal control department? Yes No

If yes, what were the circumstances? _____

Section II – Household Details

1. How many adults live in your household? _____ How many children? _____

2. What are the children's ages (if applicable)? _____ Any allergies? _____

3. What will be this pet's role in the family? Please check all that apply.

Companion Gift To breed For a child Watchdog Companion for another pet Business mascot Hunting dog

4. Who will be responsible for feeding this pet? _____ Training? _____

5a. Have you had any pets in the past 5 years? Yes No 5b. Are there any pets in the home now? Yes No

If so, please fill out this chart:

Type/Breed	Where kept	Age	Spayed/Neutered	Vaccinated	Still own	If no, why?

6. Who will be this pet's Veterinarian? _____
7. If you move in the future, what will you do with this pet and your other pets? _____
8. A representative of the ARL would like to make a follow-up visit to see how this pet is settling in. What would be a convenient time to stop by? _____
9. Does anyone in your household have allergies? Yes No If so, what kinds? _____

Section III – Role in the Family

All pets have requirements that can sometimes be easily overlooked. The purpose of this section is not to test you, but to get you thinking about your responsibilities as a pet owner. After you complete this section, you may have some questions about caring for your new pet. An adoption counselor will be happy to answer them.

1. Do you know that in the first year, regular preventative care may cost \$150+ for a dog? Yes No
2. Did you know that in the first year, pet food and pet supplies may cost \$100+? Yes No
3. About how many hours per day will this pet be alone in the home without human companionship? _____
How many days per week? _____
4. Where will this pet be kept during the day? _____ At night? _____
5. How many times a day will this dog be let outside? _____ Who will be responsible for this? _____
6. Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No If yes, please describe the fence (height/material): _____
If no, do you plan to build a fence in the future? Yes No
7. A shelter is an insulated structure that has bedding inside. Shelter keeps pets warm in the winter, cool in the summer and gives them room to stand up, stretch out, and lie down comfortably. Will your new pet have shelter? Yes No
8. Do you plan to use chain, rope or cables as the **only** means of keeping this pet confined? Yes No
9. Do you understand that state law might require vaccinating, leashing and licensing dogs? Yes No
10. Do you plan to housetrain this pet? Yes No If yes, how? _____
11. How will you train this pet not to...
Bark? _____ Jump the fence? _____
Chew? _____ Dig holes in the yard? _____
Behave aggressively? _____
12. Do you plan to enroll this pet in dog training classes? Yes No If yes, what kind? _____
13. Did you know that the ARL offers dog training classes? Yes No
14. It may take two weeks or more for this new pet to adjust to your home (depending on the household). Are you willing to give ample time for adjustment? Yes No
15. The ARL has written a book, *For Love of Dogs*, which guides the reader through all of these questions and answers. Would you like to add \$17.00 onto your adoption fee to purchase a copy of this book? Yes No

Section IV – Application Agreement

By signing below, I certify that the information on this application is true and I recognize that any misrepresentation of facts may result in my losing the privilege of adopting or keeping an adopted pet. I understand that the Animal Rescue League of Iowa has the right to deny my request to adopt an animal and I authorize investigation of all statements in this application. I understand that this application is the property of the Animal Rescue League of Iowa.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OPTIONAL – Donation

The ARL serves people and pets from across the state of Iowa through its programs, which include pet adoption, humane education, pet behavior training, spay/neuter, animal cruelty intervention and much more. It costs \$30 to care for 2 pets per day and if you donate at least \$30 per year, you will receive a copy of our quarterly magazine, *Tailwaggers*.

Please accept my gift of: \$30 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other: _____

Adoption Counselor: _____