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Dog Adoption Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in adopting! Please complete the following questions to help us find the best possible match for you! Applications are approved according to the best match for both the animal and the family on a first come, first serve basis. We do NOT place holds on animals for any reason. After an adoption counselor reviews your application, and your application has been approved, we will contact you to set up an adoption appointment. Please allow **one full week** for us to review your application and to contact you (either via phone or e-mail.) If you miss an answer, your application may be automatically denied. When filling out this questionnaire, be as thorough as possible.

1. Please fill out your application and email it back to us at adopt@syvhumane.org for review.
2. If you rent, we verify with your landlord that you may have an animal and if there are any restrictions. Also, if you own but you are not the owner of the house, please put the owner name/contact information under landlord.
3. Once approved, everyone residing in your household will need to meet your new potential companion.
4. If you own another dog, a dog introduction aka "Meet & Greet" is mandatory at our facility.
5. Dog licensing is required at the time of adoption if the applicant resides in Santa Barbara County and the applicable fee will be in addition to adoption fee.

Date: _____ Where did you see the dog up for adoption? _____

Name of Dog of Interest (1st Choice): _____ (2nd Choice): _____

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner Name: _____

a. Are you a military family? Yes No b. Will you take your new pet if you move? Yes No

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

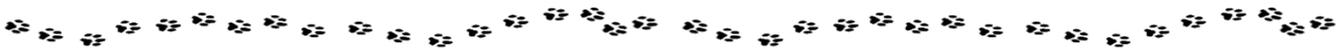
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Applicant Place of Employment: _____ Since(mo/yr): _____

Spouse/Partner Employment: _____ Since(mo/yr): _____



1. What is your experience with dog(s)? This is my first dog! I have/had dogs
2. Have you ever rehomed, relinquished, surrendered, or returned an animal? No Yes, Year? _____

Explain: _____

3. Tell us about how much time your new pet would be home alone on an average day? _____ hours
4. Have you considered the extra expenses that will come with having a dog including vet care, food, supplies and equipment, toys, training, and boarding? Yes No
 - a. How much do you plan on spending per year to care for this dog? \$ _____

5. Are you willing to take the time to housebreak your new dog? Yes No
6. Who will care for this pet if there is an emergency with the primary caregiver?

Name	Relation

7. List your current primary full-service veterinarian or the one you *intend* to use for your new pet.

Hospital Name and/or Veterinarian Name	City, State

Please list any qualities that you are looking for in a dog: **Mark all that apply:**

Sex:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> No preference	
Age:	<input type="checkbox"/> Puppy (under 1yr)	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (1-2yr)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult (3-7yr)	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (> 7yr)
Size:	<input type="checkbox"/> Small (under 20lbs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium (21-50lbs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Large (51-75lbs)	<input type="checkbox"/> X-Large (over 75lbs)
Reason for Adopting:	<input type="checkbox"/> Companion	<input type="checkbox"/> Playmate for kids/ other pets	<input type="checkbox"/> Guard dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Gift for someone
Good with:	<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Cats	<input type="checkbox"/> Strangers	<input type="checkbox"/> Children
Activity Level:	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Active (running, hiking)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Active	<input type="checkbox"/> Slightly Active	<input type="checkbox"/> Couch Potato
Other Qualities:	<input type="checkbox"/> Walks well on leash	<input type="checkbox"/> Barks at the door	<input type="checkbox"/> Hypoallergenic/ Non-shedding	<input type="checkbox"/> Can be alone during working hours
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lives outdoor only	<input type="checkbox"/> Lives indoor only	<input type="checkbox"/> Working Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

8. Place of residence:

House Townhome Duplex Condo Apartment Mobile Home Other _____

- a. Do *you* Own Rent **If you rent, we verify with your property owner that you may have a pet and if there are any restrictions. Also, if you own but you are not the owner of the house, please put the owner name/contact information under landlord.

LANDLORD NAME: _____ LANDLORD PHONE #: _____

9. Tell us a little about the human members of your new pet's household (ages of kids, activity level, involvement in the new pet's care, etc.) **Do not forget to include yourself!**

Name	Age	Relationship	Primary involvement in care?
		SELF (Applicant)	

10. The animal members of my new pet's household will include: _____ # of dogs _____ # of cats

- Large Dogs over 50lbs Small Dogs under 50lbs
 Indoor Cats Outdoor/Barn Cats
 Horses Livestock Bird(s) / small pet(s)
 No other animals in the home Other _____

Note: * Please be prepared that in most cases, adult dogs must meet your resident dog(s) prior to adoption. We are not able to "hold" dogs for any length of time to arrange this, when you are ready to adopt, be prepared to bring your dog(s) along to meet your potential new family member! *

Please describe your household. Mark all that apply:

Household:	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Children (0yrs-6 years)	<input type="checkbox"/> Older children (6yrs-16yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult ONLY Household	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior(s)
Visitors:	<input type="checkbox"/> Few Visitors	<input type="checkbox"/> Many Visitors	<input type="checkbox"/> Children Visitors (0yrs-12yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance
Lifestyle:	<input type="checkbox"/> Busy/Active Lifestyle	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairly Active Lifestyle	<input type="checkbox"/> Quiet/ Relaxed Lifestyle	<input type="checkbox"/> Watchdog
Living Arrangements:	<input type="checkbox"/> Fenced Yard	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Door/ Indoor & Outdoor access	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither	<input type="checkbox"/> Large Acreage Acres: _____
Exercise:	<input type="checkbox"/> I'm active - hiking, biking, running, I'd like to do it all	<input type="checkbox"/> Leash walks around the neighborhood multiple times per day sounds about right	<input type="checkbox"/> Playtime in the yard	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional leash walks around the neighborhood
	<input type="checkbox"/> I'm really laid back and want a couch potato dog who likes snuggles more than exercise	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog can go indoor/outdoor when it wants via a dog door.	<input type="checkbox"/> We'll go to the dog park or beaches daily!	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

11. Tell us about what levels of training you and/or your family expect to have to put into your new pet? (Select **all** that apply)

a. What is the name of the trainer/facility you would contact for assistance? I don't know
Name: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> I want a dog that is already fully trained	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't mind some obedience refreshers (basic leash manners and commands)	<input type="checkbox"/> I look forward to teaching my dog lots of things	<input type="checkbox"/> I want/expect my dog to work a farm or ranch with me	<input type="checkbox"/> I love a project, tell me more!
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12. Are you able to manage any behavioral problem that may arise either yourself, calling us or paying for an expert trainer? Yes No

*Behavioral problems may include things like leash reactivity, pulling on the leash, marking in the house, jumping on people, rough play, play biting, etc..

13. What types of social activities do you plan to enjoy with your new pet? (Select **all** that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> I want to take my dog everywhere with me!	<input type="checkbox"/> Beaches, dog parks, family/friend gatherings, I want my dog to enjoy those with me	<input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy having visitors/guests to my home	<input type="checkbox"/> I'm more of a homebody and would not expect my dog to be a social butterfly	<input type="checkbox"/> I want a new pet who will keep me company after a long day of work
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14. What would like to learn more about the following things during my visit: Grooming House Training
 Introducing new pet to my home Obedience Training Introducing new pet to other pets Crate Training
 Introducing new pet to kids and/or strangers Leash Training Other: _____

15. Which of the following reasons might prompt you to return or rehome your dog? Mark all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Moving	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Problems (Family)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggression with current pets
<input type="checkbox"/> Landlord Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Problems (Dog)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive with people
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog is escape artist	<input type="checkbox"/> Biting/Aggression people/pets
<input type="checkbox"/> Breed specific reasons	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog requires more exercise than you can provide	<input type="checkbox"/> Not enough time for the dog
<input type="checkbox"/> New Baby/ New Partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Death of Family Member/ Self	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/ Break up
<input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't like dog park/beach	<input type="checkbox"/> I would NEVER give up my dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog doesn't listen off leash

Other return reason not listed above: _____

16. Please explain if you selected any of the answers above. Provide as many details as possible about your living situation, family experience and how you plan to care for the animal. Explain your previous experience with raising an animal, including training and exercise regiments. Also, add any additional information about your family to help us find you the best match?

Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society in partnership with Dog Adoption & Welfare Group (SYVHS/DAWG) does not place animals on holds for any reason. I have read the above information carefully and have filled out this application honestly. I understand that omission of information and/or failure to answer all questions and sign the application can result in this application being declined. Also, if an omission or untruth is discovered after an adoption takes place, I understand that the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society and D.A.W.G reserves the right to annul the adoption and reclaim the animal. I give SYVHS/DAWG permission to fully investigate the information provided as well as contact veterinarians and related officials. In addition, I understand the adoption decision is dependent on many factors. I understand that that the SYVHS/DAWG will select the most appropriate applicant based on the best match for the animal. SYVHS/DAWG does not discriminate based on race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, height, weight, physical or mental ability, veteran status, and marital status. I agree that the decision that has been made is in the animal's best interest and I will not dispute the selection process. Our selections are made on the best applicant for each animal.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co- Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____