



# Humane Society of Skagit Valley Dog Adoption Application

Thank you for choosing to adopt! Please complete this application and bring it in to the shelter at 18841 Kelleher Road in Burlington.

**PLEASE PRINT**

Your First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(e-mail addresses are used for registering microchips of adopted pets and for internal lost & found purposes, your e-mail address is not sold for commercial use)

Do you (please check): Rent  Own  Live w/parent  -in a- House  Apt  Condo  Other

Landlord/Property Management Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

(If your landlord requires an ESA letter, we will not proceed with the adoption process until you have submitted all necessary documentation)

This pet is meant to be a gift. I would like more information on how this process could work for my situation.

**Tell us about the HUMAN members of the new pet's household (i.e., # of adults/seniors/children):**

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you owned dogs before?**  Yes  No  My family had dogs growing up, but this will be my first pet

**Tell us about the current ANIMAL members of the new pet's household:**

- There are one or more dog(s)
- There are one or more cat(s)
- There are one or more small animal(s)
- There are one or more livestock animal(s)

<u>Staff Use Only</u>
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Are you aware of your local dog/ animal ordinances for the area you reside?  **Yes**  **No**

**What characteristics and personality traits are most important to you?**

- Playful and toy loving
- Most likely housetrained (or almost there!)
- Quiet, rarely barks (suitable for apartment life)
- Affectionate, cuddly
- Couch potato – laid back, low energy
- Watchdog – an alert dog who will be protective
- Social butterfly – outgoing and friendly with everyone
- A dog’s dog – plays well with others and likes most dogs
- Cat friendly – a dog who won’t chase cats
- Loyal - a dog who will bond closely with their person
- Adventure sidekick – an active dog who loves to go hiking, running, etc.
- Training superstar – a hard-working, intelligent dog that likes puzzle toys and learning tricks.

**What energy level are you looking for?**

- Low – ok with a couple leisurely strolls around the block
- Medium – likes regular walks, jogs, hikes, and playing fetch
- High – marathon runner, frequent hiker, biker, and swimmer

**Do you need a kid-capable canine?**

*Our shelter has dogs who would make great kid companions, dogs who love visiting with kids but don’t want to live with them full-time, and dogs who are uncomfortable or even afraid of children. Tell us more about your lifestyle and plans so we can consider the dog’s kid-capability when picking out your possible pooches.*

- I am currently expecting a child
- Kids live in my home
- Kids frequently visit my home
- My dog will be around lots of kids in my neighborhood
- I don’t have kids, but might want to try during my dog’s lifetime
- No kids for me!

**How do you feel about adopting a dog with a training requirement?**

*Some dogs require positive, reward-based classes depending on their age, breed, or behavior.*

- I would consider adopting a dog with a training requirement
- I would prefer to only meet dogs without a training requirement
- I might consider adopting a dog with a training requirement; I want to meet the dogs and learn more before deciding

**Where will you keep the dog during the day and where will the dog sleep at night?** (i.e. indoors, at work, in the yard, in the garage, at doggie-daycare etc.)

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**In an average day, how many hours will the dog be without human companionship?**

- Never – I work from home, the dog can come to work, the dog will go to doggie-daycare, etc.
- Less than 2 hours per day
- 2-4 hours per day
- 4-6 hours per day
- 6-8 hours per day
- 8+ hours per day

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**When good dogs go bad...**

*No dog is perfect, and even the best dogs have quirks! We do a behavior evaluation of every dog before making them available for adoption, so we have a pretty good idea of what our pups' strengths and weaknesses are. **Let us know what traits you would be willing to work with:***

Trait	Yes	Maybe	No
Nervous / shy			
Separation anxiety (anxious/destructive when alone)			
Barking			
Not housebroken			
Pulling on leash			
Doesn't like other dogs			
Can't live with other pets / need to be the only pet			
Discomfort around kids			
Destructive chewing			
Mouthiness / jumping on people			
Protective of food / toys			
I'd rather adopt a dog who doesn't need much work			

**We'll explain this pet's medical and behavior history but please check any additional topics you'd like to discuss:**

Home	Handling	Health	Happiness
<input type="checkbox"/> House training / crate training <input type="checkbox"/> Introducing this pet to other pets <input type="checkbox"/> Moving with pets <input type="checkbox"/> Children and pets <input type="checkbox"/> What to expect the first 3 days/3 weeks/3 months. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Finding a trainer <input type="checkbox"/> Leash walking <input type="checkbox"/> Biting/jumping behaviors <input type="checkbox"/> Harnesses vs. collars <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding and nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> Grooming / nail trimming <input type="checkbox"/> Future vaccinations <input type="checkbox"/> Finding a veterinarian <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercise <input type="checkbox"/> Toys and fun activities <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate treats <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

**For you to adopt this animal, we need you to:**

- ❖ Be financially able to provide for the animal's needs. This includes food, supplies, grooming, and veterinary care.
- ❖ Be certain you have adequate time to spend with your new pet, including time for exercise and training.
- ❖ Have your landlord's permission to bring an animal onto their property.
- ❖ Bring in others living in the household to meet the pet you are interested in adopting.
- ❖ Be at least 18 years of age and have verifiable identification.
- ❖ Understand that this is an adoption, **not a sale**. The Humane Society of Skagit Valley reserves the right to postpone or refuse an adoption.

**Please read and sign below**

- As part of the commitment to having each adoption be a success, I understand that the Humane Society of Skagit Valley may contact me for adoption follow-ups if I adopt a pet.
- I certify that all the information in this application is true and I understand that false information may void the application. Thank you for applying we will facilitate this application in a timely manner and hope you can take a pet home same day if it is spayed/neutered.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_