

Merlin's Hope Chow Chow & Chinese Shar-pei Rescue Adoption Application Form

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FAX THIS COMPLETED FORM to: 1-866 588-7656 – or – rescue@merlinshope.com
YOU MUST BE OF LEGAL AGE IN YOUR COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE TO APPLY FOR AN ADOPTION DOG
TERMS OF ADOPTION – (YES, WE KNOW THESE ARE A LOT OF QUESTIONS)

... But our concern is for our dogs and for you as well!

We do not allow our dogs to be tied out or staked out in the yard or condemned to a life tied to an outdoor doghouse. Tie outs and staking can result in serious injury and death to a dog. Life attached to a dog house does not represent a quality of life. This includes other out buildings, and garages. We require that our dogs live in your house with your family.

If you reside in a house, we much prefer that you have a fully fenced backyard. This is not a requirement for adoption, but is certainly the better option. If your yard is not fully fenced, the dog must be on leash at all times when outside of the house.

We do not consider underground / electric fencing or collars a suitable, nor safe method of containment for our dogs. Our preferred breeds often possess to high a prey drive to be deterred by this method, and the failure rate is to high to consider it a viable containment solution. We will not adopt dogs out to homes using this method.

88% of the dogs we re-home are found as strays bearing NO identification and often have chips that do not scan. We insist that our dogs be collared and identified with a tag when inside or outside your home. Quality rolled leather collars do not fray coats and micro-chipping is not enough to guarantee the return of your pet. The ISO standard of chip frequencies is still not standardized in North America, and many people who find dogs do not know where to have them scanned, so visible ID is a necessary addition to help your dog get home should it get away from you.

If you live in an apartment or condo, you must provide proof that the landlord or management allows you to have a dog.

If you currently have animals in the house (cats and/or dogs) they must be spayed or neutered unless there is a verifiable medical reason why they are not or cannot be.

Chow Chows and especially Chinese Shar-Pei, are notorious for food allergies. This Rescue requires that you feed a high quality food that does not contain: wheat, corn or soy products. Our preference is for a grain free food or a natural raw diet. If your budget does not allow for you to afford high quality dog foods, or if you don't feel you share the obligation to offer your dog fine quality foods, then please consider that this breed of dog is most likely not for you. You'll end up spending the money at the vet !

1: ADOPTER is encouraged to have a licensed veterinarian of its choice examine RESCUE DOG within 48 hours of adoption. If, within 48 hours of adoption, RESCUE DOG is found to be unhealthy, ADOPTER may return RESCUE DOG to the RESCUE for a refund of any portion of the adoption fee paid. Otherwise, ADOPTER accepts full responsibility for the health and temperament of RESCUE DOG. No refunds or reimbursements will be made by RESCUE for any costs incurred by ADOPTER, e.g., food, leash, collar, veterinarian bills, etc.

2: ADOPTER agrees that it will not find RESCUE DOG a new home without approval of RESCUE. If for any reason the ADOPTER can no longer keep the animal, the RESCUE is willing to take back the dog. All potential adoptions must take place through RESCUE. Except as provided in paragraphs 1, above, no portion of the adoption fee will be refunded, nor will any costs incurred by ADOPTER, e.g., food, leash, collar, veterinarian bills, etc., be reimbursed by RESCUE.

3: ADOPTER understands that the temperament, pedigree, and health of RESCUE DOG are not, or may not be, fully known, and does hereby assume full responsibility for any and all actions of, and for any and all personal injuries and/or damages that may be caused by, RESCUE DOG. The ADOPTER agrees to indemnify and hold harmless RESCUE from any and all claims, damages, losses, fees or costs arising from or relating to any claims for personal or other injuries or damages caused by RESCUE DOG. ADOPTER also acknowledges that RESCUE cannot guarantee the health and longevity of RESCUE DOG and will be held harmless for any medical costs that arise from RESCUE DOG. IN the case where a temperament/character issue is known, the ADOPTER hereby declares their willingness to proceed with the adoption irregardless and hereby declares their assumption of ALL and ANY liabilities of the RESCUE DOG.

4: ADOPTER agrees and understands that the rescue will attempt to make a home visit where the dog will reside. This will be done before the adoption and at the Rescue's discretion (with notice), after the adoption.

This adoption agreement is made this day, between Merlin's Hope Rescue., a volunteer DOG RESCUE Society, an entity with its principal place of operation in Ontario, (hereinafter known as RESCUE) and the undersigned (hereinafter known as the ADOPTER) for the adoption of the dog identified below (hereinafter known as RESCUE DOG):

ADOPTER will pay RESCUE an adoption fee of \$500.00 at the time of the actual the adoption of RESCUE DOG, (or before).
\$_____0.00_____ is due upon signing of the contract. however, dog is not being held.

BY COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION YOU ARE INDICATING THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPT AND AGREE TO THESE ABOVE MENTIONED CONDITIONS and TERMS OF ADOPTION, and is governed by the Laws of Ontario, Canada. ANY person adopting a puppy / dog that is not sterilized is subject sight unseen to our Waiver #1 regarding mandatory sterilization.

** IMPORTANT**			
You MUST answer EVERY question on this form. Each question is scored. Thank you.			
First & Last Name →	<p><i>Only ONE person may apply for the ownership/stewardship of this dog. We will not accept "joint ownership" or "multi-ownership" on any of our adoption candidates.</i></p>		
Street Address			
City		Prov/State	
Postal/Zip Code			
Daytime /Work Phone <i>We need TWO different numbers please</i>		Evening Phone	
Email			
Applicant's Employer			
Driver's License or Other valid ID			
Please explain to us why you would like to adopt this dog.			
What happened to your last dog?			
Have you or anyone in your family ever been bitten by a dog? If YES, please give details			
What will you do if for some unknown reason your new dog growls at you?			
Have you ever completed a puppy course or dog training course? If yes, where & what level?		Are you willing to go to school with this dog?	
PLEASE INDICATE BELOW ANY DOG ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE DONE OR ARE CURRENTLY DOING			
<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Rally-Obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> Herding	<input type="checkbox"/> Agility
<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Search & Rescue	<input type="checkbox"/> Schutzhund	<input type="checkbox"/> Canine Good Citizen
<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracking	<input type="checkbox"/> Ski-Jorring/ Sledding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fly-Ball
Marital Status		Is your partner in agreement with this adoption?	
Have you ever adopted a dog before?			
Do you presently have any pets at home?		If YES, what kind and how many?	Age(s)
If Yes, are the pets neutered/spayed?			
Will the adopted pet be living with children?		Is YES, how many and what ages?	

Do you have any experience with THIS breed of dog? Please explain.			
If not, what type of experience do you have with dogs in general?			
What type of residence do you live in? (House/ apartment,etc)			
If you rent, or otherwise, are there any covenants or restrictions that prevent you from having a pet at this address? If so please explain	Will the dog be alone all day?		
Do you have a totally enclosed, secure yard?	What kind of fence?		
No Fence? Having no fence is not a condition of adoption, but your dog will still have to go out several times a day for bathroom duties.	If you don't have a fence, please explain to us, if on January 15th, at -30 below zero, at 6:00 am, and you have a cold, how you plan to let your dog out in the morning to go pee? How will you do this?		
Are you a member of any dog clubs or dog breed clubs?	If so, which ones?		
Will the dog be crated?	If so, for how many hours a day?		
How do you plan to exercise this dog?\			
Swimming Pool	Do you have a swimming pool? If yes, inground? Or aboveground?		
Can we contact your vet?			
Name /Tel of your Vet			
What do you plan to feed your dog?			
Are you aware that commercial dog foods come in a variety of qualities ranging from very poor to very good?			
Are you able to identify a good dog food from a poor quality one?			
How do you plan to retrieve your new dog?			
What would be a reason for you to return this dog to us?			

Name of Dog you want to adopt:			
Breed:			G E N D E R
Colour			Male Female
Coat Type:			
Other Marks:			A G E

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BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ALSO AGREE THAT:

I affirm that I have not been convicted of any crime involving the mistreatment, neglect or abuse of any animal.

If you move or change your domicile, or general contact information, you will take appropriate measures to update this information with us immediately. By adopting this animal from us you agree that we may always be in a capacity to contact you and know the physical location of the dog at all times. It is your obligation to permit us to inquire about the general welfare of our dogs, therefore we need to be able to contact you.

I understand and accept that dogs are animals whose characters can change with time, environment and conditioning, and that the Rescue cannot possibly know all of the pre-existing issues that may or may not reside within the character of any dog. Temperaments are subject to change based on environments provided or hidden issues the Rescue may not be aware of.

The Adopter, Foster Home agent or Volunteer being of lawful age, do now release, acquit and forever discharge Merlin's Hope Rescue, its Agents, Volunteers and Assigns, from any and all actions, claims, demands or damages accruing to me resulting from any known or unknown temperament/character issue, any known or unknown injury, loss or damage, sustained by myself or this dog, as a result of acting as a Merlin's Hope Foster Agent or Volunteer, or Adopter in whole or in part.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY MISREPRESENTATIONS OF FACT MAY RESULT IN THE REMOVAL OF THE DOG FROM MY HOME.

SIGNATURE ADOPTER:	
SIGNED THIS DAY:	

By completing and submitting a completed Adoption Form, or Foster Form, you consent to our privacy policy.

A SINGLE, SIMPLE POLICY

Any time you communicate or conduct any transaction with Merlin's Hope Rescue, or with anyone acting as an agent on our behalf, you are protected by the rights and safeguards under the Canadian Privacy Act and our own personal privacy act contained in the Merlin's Hope Privacy Policy.

Merlin's Hope Privacy Policy

We do not sell, trade, or otherwise give or transfer to ANY outside parties whatsoever your personal information for any reason. We DO NOT share your personal information with any other parties, any other rescues, shelters or adoption agencies, and will not do so without your expressed, written consent unless legally mandated by Law or Legal action to do so.

Your information is private, PERIOD!