



Adoption Application Form

Our Website: www.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, unless in a secure location (ie dog park).

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.

more than 50% 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), possibly 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):

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.

Are you applying to adopt or foster? *

- Adopt
- Foster
- I'm interested in both!

Breed you are interested in? *

- Chow Chow
- Shar Pei

Is there a dog you are interested in? Please tell us which one, if so.

Name *

First Name Last Name

Email *

example@example.com

Phone Number *

Please enter a valid phone number.

Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

Birthdate *

Month Day Year

Employment status: If employed, provide name and phone number of employer. If not employed print UNEMPLOYED or RETIRED *

List all adults living in your residence along with relationship to you. Example, 2 adults - 1 partner, 1 roommate... *

Are all adults in agreement with this adoption? *

Yes

No

Haven't spoken about it

Will the adopted pet be living with children? If yes, please list their ages. *

Do you currently own a pet? *

Yes

No

If yes, provide details including type of pet(s), length of time owned, and age(s). If no, print N/A. *

Are all of your pets spayed/neutered? *

Yes

No

N/A

Are their vaccinations up to date(Yes, No or N/A)? If no, please explain why. *

Please explain why you would like to adopt or foster. *

Have you or anyone in your family ever been bitten by a dog? If yes, please give details. *

What will you do if your new dog growls at you? *

What will you do if your new dog has a potty accident in your home? *

Have you ever completed a puppy or dog training course? If yes, where & what level? *

Are you willing to go to school with this dog? *

Yes

No

Have you ever adopted a dog before? If yes, from what rescue or shelter? *

Are your current animals on flea, tick and heartworm prevention? If yes, how many months of the year and which preventatives? If no, please explain why not. *

What happens if there's a fight between the current dog and new dog? If no current dog, write N/A. *

Is anyone in the household allergic to animals? *

Yes

No

Unsure

Do you have any experience with either Shar-pei or Chow Chows? Please elaborate. *

If you do not have experience with either of these two specific breeds, what type of experience do you have with dogs in general? Which breeds? *

If behavioral problems arise, how will you manage them? *

If your dog growls at your guests, what will you do? *

What type of dwelling do you live in? *

House

Apartment

Condominium

Other

How long have you lived at this address? *

If you rent or are in a condo, are there any covenants or restrictions that prevent you from having a pet at this address? If so, please explain. If no, write N/A. *

What happens to the dog if you have to move? *

How many hours a day will the dog be alone? *

Will the dog be crated? *

Yes

No

Maybe

How often do you travel and where will the dog go while you are out of town? *

Do you have a totally enclosed, secure yard? Please include the approximate size, and height and material of fence. *

No Fence? Having a fence is not a condition of adoption, but your dog will still have to go out several times a day for bathroom duties. Please explain to us how you will manage potty breaks late at night and during extreme weather.

Will the dog be kept indoors or outdoors? *

How do you plan to exercise your new dog? *

Where will the dog sleep at night? *

Name and telephone number of previous, or current, Veterinary clinic. *

Will you take your dog for annual exams? *

Yes

No

Maybe

How much money have you budgeted per month for your new dog? *

What do you plan to feed your dog? *

How do you plan on retrieving your new dog? *

What would be a reason for you to return this dog to us? *

Is there any additional information you would like to provide us?

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. *

I Agree

I Disagree

Disclaimer: 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, consent unless legally mandated by Law or Legal action to do so. Your information is private, PERIOD! *

I Agree

I Disagree

Please enter full name . By entering your name you are electronically signing this contract.

Today's Date *

Month Day Year