

HIGHER GROUND ANIMAL SANCTUARY - ADOPTION APPLICATION -

Mission Statement: To find caring, loving, permanent homes for surrendered, abandoned or neglected animals. Higher Ground Animal Sanctuary hopes to ease the problem of the population overflow occurring in many of our shelters today. We educate the individual on the importance of commitment to an animal for their life, spay and neutering ALL pets, and providing superior care and compassion.

Higher Ground Animal Sanctuary is funded solely on donations and composed of a network of All-Volunteer foster families and we are always in need of finding more foster care providers with the time and commitment to provide care for these animals in transition. We also are in need of people to provide transportation for these animals. If you would like to donate, transport or become a foster please let us know!

Date Submitted: _____

Are you interested in a particular animal? _____ If so, who? _____

Why? _____

All applicants must be over the age of 18. If married or jointly adopting an animal all individuals must be listed and complete the application.

APPLICANT

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

SPOUSE/JOINT APPLICANT

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

How long at present job: _____

SPOUSE OR JOINT APPLICANT EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

How long at present job: _____

PERSONAL REFERENCE OTHER THAN RELATIVE:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Years Known: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Best time to call: _____

HOME ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION

Do you live in a: _____ (House, Apartment, Townhome, Condo, etc)

Do you own or rent your residence:

**If renting, do you have your landlords' permission to keep a dog, and are there any weight restrictions?

Landlords contact information:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

****Please include a copy of your lease**If you live in a condominium/co-op, or your house is part of a homeowners association, please provide a copy of the bylaws, rules and regulations of such**

organization stating that there are no restrictions regarding owning a dog. If there is a limit on the number of pets you are allowed, please note the limit on the copy of the bylaws.

How long have you lived at this address: _____

Do you have a fenced yard: _____

What size of yard is totally fenced for dog? _____

Fence Type & Height: _____

Does fencing completely enclose a yard for a dog: _____

If no fence, how will you handle the dogs exercise and potty needs, etc.? _____

How many adults in the household (Please include name(s))? _____

How many children? _____

Age & sex of children: _____

Do you or does anyone in your family have allergies? _____

Are all family members in agreement about adopting a this animal? _____

Do you own cats? _____

How many cats: _____

Are they indoor or outdoor? _____

Are they spayed or neutered? _____

Other animals: _____

PET OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

Do you have a regular veterinarian? _____

Name of Veterinarian (for current and/or previously owned animals): _____

Veterinary Clinic: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Do you authorize Higher Ground Animals Sanctuary to contact your veterinarian for your vet history? _____

Have you ever re-homed a dog and if so why and when? _____

How many dogs and cats have you owned in the last 15 years? _____

Give name, age, sex breed, if spayed/neutered and what happened to all the dogs you have owned in the past 15 years, but no longer have, listing the years you had them: _____

For all animals you presently own, give name, age, sex, and breed and if spayed/neutered:

Name:	Type:	Age:	Sex:	Spayed/Neutered:
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

If you have a current dog, would you describe him/her as being alpha or submissive to other dogs?

Answer & explain: _____

Describe your ideal dog: _____

Have you owned a dog before: _____

Why did you choose this dog: _____

In your research of this breed, is there anything that might be an issue for you: _____

List all the plans for this pet: _____

Do you want to adopt a male or female: _____

Where will the dog spend the day? _____

On average, how many hours will the dog spend **without** human company each day: _____

Where will the dog spend the night? _____

Do you agree to license this dog and give him/her regular health care: _____

Would you be willing for someone from the Higher Ground Animal Sanctuary to visit your home by appointment? _____

Do you agree to contact the Higher Ground Animal Sanctuary if you can no longer keep this dog? _____

In situations where we do not have a dog that fits your needs, may we share your application with other rescue organizations? _____

All of the above information I have given is true and complete. If I adopt a dog from the Higher Ground Animals Sanctuary, the dog will reside in my home as a pet. I will provide him/her with adequate water, a high quality dog food, shelter, training, affection and medical care. I understand that the Higher Ground Animals Sanctuary is a referral service and is not responsible for the accuracy of information received about the habits, temperament, or physical condition of the dogs available for adoption. I understand it is my responsibility to evaluate a dog for myself before agreeing to adopt him/her. I am in full agreement of the terms of the adoption. The Higher Ground Animals Sanctuary shall not be liable for, and is hereby relieved from, all liability for any damage, expenses, causes of action, fines, suits, demands, judgments, or claims of any nature whatsoever arising from or by any reason of any damage to property or injury to any persons caused in whole or in part during the visitation of the dog up for adoption and a dog placed in your home. I hereby accept and assume such liability and agree to protect, indemnify and hold the Higher Ground Animals Sanctuary harmless from and against all of the aforesaid.

Completing, signing and returning this document constitutes your permission for us to check references.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Both parties agree that this application can be executed by the applicant and sent to Higher Ground Animal Sanctuary via hand delivery, US Mail, Federal Express or any other recognized overnight delivery service or by email.

If the applicant would like to send the document via email, applicant and the Higher Ground Animals Sanctuary both agree that the applicants digital signature is valid and binding upon the parties.

Thank you for contacting Higher Ground Animal Sanctuary. We look forward to working with you.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT, IN OUR SOLE DISCRETION, TO REFUSE ANY APPLICANT FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER.

If you have any additional information, comments, etc please use the lines below:

