

# Stella's Hope Adoption Application

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*The questions in this application are solely to help us understand the type of pet owner you are and will be to one of our rescued dogs. Our dogs come from various situations, and our commitment to them is that they will never again be homeless. If you're not prepared to make a lifetime commitment to a dog, PLEASE do not waste our time or yours.*

**NOTE:** Submitting this application does not guarantee approval to adopt. We do our best to match applicants with dogs, and if the dog you applied for is not a good fit, we will decline your application. We reserve the right to deny without explanation.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Desired Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you prefer we contact you?

Would you like to receive our monthly newsletter?

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Others' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names/Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Dwelling (house, condo, other): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own or rent?

If rent, do you have landlords permission to have a dog?

Landlords Name and/or Number: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your reasons for wanting a dog?

Companion for you \_\_\_\_\_ For Other Pet \_\_\_\_\_

Companion for children \_\_\_\_\_ Watchdog \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you have children, please describe their previous experience with dogs:

Is anyone in your house allergic to dogs?      Y      N

Describe:

Do you have other pets?      Y      N

Type, Number, Sex, and Age of each:

Are your pets spayed/neutered?      Y      N

Is anyone home during the day?      Y      N

If yes, who is home?

Will this dog live primarily outside?      Y      N

Do you have a doggy door?      Y      N

How many hours a day will your dog be alone?

Where will your dog be when left alone?

Where will your dog sleep?

Outside                      Garage                      Bathroom

Master Bedroom              Child's Room              Kitchen

Crate                      Laundry Room              Other

Explanation:

What outside areas are available to your dog?

Fenced Yard              Unfenced Area              Other

Dog House              Garage

Enclosed Patio              Balcony

Explanation:

Type of Fencing:

Chain Link              Block Wall              Wood              Other

Height of Fencing:                      Are there gates?      Y      N

If Yes, How Many?                      What Height of Gates?

Does Your Gate Have a Lock?      Y      N

Who has access to your yard?

Gardener              Pool Man

Housekeeper              Other

Do You Have a Pool?      Y      N                      If Yes, Is Pool Gated?

Preferred Level of Exercise with Dog?

Couch Potato                  Short Walks                  Vigorous Exercise                  Other

When on vacation, who will care for your dog?

What brand of food will you feed your dog?

Do you have a regular vet?                  Y                  N

If yes, please list contact information (name, address, phone number):

Will your dog wear a collar and tag?                  Y                  N

How would you rate your level of dog ownership?

First-Time Owner                  Intermediate                  Other

Beginner                  Advanced

How would you discipline your dog if he/she misbehaved?

How would you train your dog?

Obedience Class                  Clicker/Hand-Signals

Firm Verbal Commands                  Other

How would you walk your dog?

On-Leash                  Harness                  Other

Collar-Only                  Choke Chain

Are you willing to live with hair on your furniture, stains on your rugs, a warm body in your bed, and an animal that may be destructive at times?                  Y                  N

Pets are an investment of time and money. Can you afford the medical care, grooming, proper diet, shelter, and exercise for your new pet?                  Y                  N

Dogs can live as long as 20 years.

Are you able to make a commitment for this dog's entire life-span?                  Y                  N

What would happen if you moved?

Locally?

Out-of-State?

Out-of-Country?

Have you ever given a pet away?                  Y                  N

If Yes, Please Explain.

Which of the following may be reasons for giving up your dog?

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|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Excessive Barking  | Digging Biting      | Destructive Chewing  |
| Financial Problems | Divorce             | Partner Doesn't Like |
| Shredding          | Allergies           | Growling             |
| Poor Watchdog      | Excessive Bills     | New Baby             |
| Accidents Indoors  | Aggressive on Leash |                      |
| Moving             | Other               | None of the Above    |

Will you agree to consult and pay for a trainer or behaviorist if any problems develop?      Y      N

I understand that the going rate of such training at home is approximately \$150 per session.

Please list pets you have owned as an adult, length of ownership and what happened.

Why are you interested in adopting a rescue dog?

Tell us what your perfect dog would be:

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**Please read AND initial each statement below.**

I understand that this is only an application and does NOT guarantee that I will be approved. *(initials)*

I understand that there is a required home visit as part of the adoption process.  
I understand that having a completed home visit does NOT guarantee placement. *(initials)*

I understand that Stella's Hope has the right to refuse an application for ANY reason. *(initials)*

I understand that my references and housing will be verified by a Stella's Hope volunteer. *(initials)*

I understand that there is a required adoption fee for adopting a dog. *(initials)*

I understand that this fee is only partial to what the rescue has spent on the dog's care. *(initials)*

I understand that an adoption fee is necessary  
to offset costs incurred to rescue and care for each dog. *(initials)*

I understand and agree that if I adopt from Stella's Hope,  
and in the future am unable to continue to care for said dog,  
I am to contact Stella's Hope for first right of refusal. *(initials)*

I understand that if approved to adopt,

I am to allow a follow up visit at my home (if requested). (initials)

I understand that Stella's Hope is a not-for-profit org  
and is run solely on donations from the public. (initials)

I understand that an adoption application is only the first step in the adoption process. (initials)

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**Signature:**

**Date:**

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**NEXT STEPS:** Once an application is approved, we will schedule for a home visit (all residents of the home MUST be present). If approved, we will then schedule another visit to do introductions with any existing pets. If approved at this point, we will complete the adoption contract. [If your application is denied, you will receive an email stating it was denied]. Thank you for choosing to RESCUE.

**Additional Notes:**

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## For Use By: Stella's Hope Volunteer/Staff ONLY

Name: Date: Time:

Home check Scheduled Date:

Home check Completed Date:

Pending Necessary Changes?      Y      N

Changes Needed:

Pending Landlord Approval:      Y      N

Application Approved?      Y      N

Application Denied?      Y      N

Reason for Denial: