



Van Buren County Animal Control

58040 County Road 681, Hartford, MI 49057 269-621-4624

APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION

Date: _____ Adopter Name: _____

Adopter Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____@_____

***** Expectations for an animal's life is anywhere between 8-15 years*****

- Do you own your home? _____
 - If no, please provide written permission from landlord with contact information
 - Landlord name: _____ Phone #: _____
- How will you confine your pet? _____
- Are there minors in the household? Ages? _____
- Are there allergies/Asthma in household? _____
- Will this be your first pet? _____
- List any Animals already in the household.

Breed	Age	sex	altered	UTD on Vaccines	How long owned

- Who is your family vet? _____ Phone: _____
- Have you ever surrendered an animal? _____ Why? _____
- Have you ever adopted an animal? _____ Rescue name: _____
- Who will be responsible for the care? _____
- How will the animal be confined while you are away? _____
- Will you license this animal? _____
- What energy level you are looking for in a pet? **LOW MED HIGH**
- What is the level of energy in the household? **LOW MED HIGH**
- Have you or anyone in the house been convicted of animal abuse? _____

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I am looking for a pet to be:

- Active Laid Back Good with kids People Friendly Other Pet Friendly
Outdoor Protective Playful Shy A travel partner Special Needs
Indoor

I am planning on **keeping** the animal: ___ indoors ___ outdoors

I have/plan on **having**: ___ a kennel/fence ___ a tie out ___ Underground fence ___ chain/house

I **prefer**: ___ male ___ female ___ No preference

My **ideal size** animal is: ___ small ___ med ___ large ___ No preference

I UNDERSTAND THAT:

- Adoption fee and spay/neuter deposit may apply at the time of adoption.
- Any animal that displays vicious tendencies will not be available for adoption
- I must comply with Rabies Vaccinations as well as LICENSING as mandated by law
- Anyone under the age of 18 is not eligible to adopt without a guardian present
- No animal can be adopted as a gift for another person
- I must comply with the local ordinances in my state/county/township/town or village
- I must provide adequate food, water and shelter for my pet
- My dog must NEVER be left unattended/untethered outside
- IF THINGS DO NOT WORK OUT, PLEASE RETURN TO OUR SHELTER

I, _____, certify that all information provided on this form is true. I understand that the information I provided will be used to verify my history. I also understand that VAN BURN COUNTY has the right to refuse my application without explanation. Any false statement will terminate potential adoption.

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Adoption Release, Waiver, and Disclosure

I, _____, do declare that I am aware:

1. That animals are different from human beings in their response to human actions
2. That the actions of an animal are unpredictable
3. That Van Buren County Animal Control can make no claims or representations as the temperament of the animal once it reaches home
4. That Van Buren County Animal Control strives to give as accurate information of the animal but is limited to the actions observed in the kennels

I hereby accept possession and title to the animal identified by the card ID _____ at my own risk. I release and waive any right against Van Buren County Animal Control and the Van Buren County Sheriff Department for any damages to person or property caused by said animal which I may have in the future.

I have read the above release and agree:

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Spay /Neuter Contract and Understanding

Please initial next to each statement.

_____ I understand that according to Michigan State Law (MCL 287.338a) I must have this animal spayed/neutered by _____, 20__ by the veterinarian of my choice

_____ I understand that according to Michigan State Law (MCL 287.338a) I must pay a deposit that will be refunded once the procedure is completed, and the paperwork, as well as certificate, must be returned to Van Buren County Animal Control.

_____ I understand that I have **ten days** to return the animal for a full refund

_____ I understand that it is recommended that I take the animal to a licensed veterinarian within 72 hours

_____ I agree to pay Van Buren County Animal Control liquidated damages of the greater of \$100.00 or actual reasonable costs incurred by the animal control shelter to enforce the contract if the terms of the adoption are breached because a person adopting a dog or cat fails to have the animal altered as required by the contract. I understand and agree that this liquidated damage value is for the purpose of establishing the value of the above described animal and does not bar VBCAC from seeking return of the animal or other damages or costs by judicial process or other legal means.

I understand the above statements.

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Risks involved with adoption

The Van Buren County Animal Control shelter is just that: a shelter for stray animals and animals that can no longer be cared for by their owners. WE cannot guarantee the health, habits and disposition of these pets, but will share with you as much information as is available about them for your sake and theirs. Obviously, there are risks involved with adopting a pet. So that you will understand some of them please read the following carefully.

Distemper:

Is an extremely contagious and damaging virus that is borne both in the air and on objects. A dog does not have to come in direct contact with another dog to get distemper. The vaccination should be boosted yearly, unless discussed with your vet. **Distemper is not rare!**

Upper respiratory viruses:

Are highly prevalent. Although not fatal or disabling, URI can be stubborn and can develop into a severe cold needing anti-biotics. Preventative vaccinations are HIGHLY encouraged.

PARVO Virus:

Is a contagious, and highly deadly, intestinal disease characterized by severe vomiting, a formless bloody and smelly stool, high fever and dehydration. Onset of these symptoms is very sudden but is usually preceded by the dogs acting lethargic and having a loss in appetite. The virus can strike any unvaccinated dog, but puppies are the most susceptible. **Preventative vaccines should be given on a regular schedule.**

Heartworm: is caused by foot-long worms (heartworms) that live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets, causing severe lung disease, heart failure and damage to other organs in the body. It is transmitted through mosquito bites. Preventative vaccinations are HIGHLY encouraged.

I understand that the animal I am interested in adopting may require medical treatment that could result in significant veterinary bills. I will not hold Van Buren County Animal Control accountable for the cost of such treatment that the animal may require after adoption.

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