

HUMANE SOCIETY OF KENT COUNTY

DOG ADOPTER SURVEY

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Adoption
Counselor

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Home/Rent Vet Adults Dog Meeting

Name _____ Date of Application _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____ County _____

Name of the **ALL** adults living in household _____

Email Address _____ Permission for Adoption Follow-up? *Yes No*

Emergency Contact (Microchip): Name _____ Phone number _____

_____ Yes, I consent to the release of my name and telephone number to anyone that finds my pet.

_____ No, I prefer that communication only be through 24PetWatch.

Are you over 18 years of age? *Yes No* Are you over 60 years? *Yes No*

Are you a full-time college student? *Yes No* Do you run a day care facility? *Yes No*

Household Information: Is anyone in your household allergic to dogs? *Yes No*

Number of adults in household? _____ Number of children in household? _____ Children's ages _____

Circle any of the following who you live with or live with you. *Parents In-laws Friends Roommate(s) Spouse*

In which type of home do you live? *House Mobile Home Apartment Duplex Condo Other*

Do you **Own** or **Rent** your home? Landlord's Name/Phone #: _____

Who will primarily be responsible for the care of the pet? _____

Small (<20 lbs) Medium (20-50 lbs) Large (over 50 lbs) Any dog

Pet History: List pets currently owned and owned in the past **5 years**, including small caged pets.

Animal Type (dog, cat, other)	Name	Breed	Age	Sex M/F	Spayed or Neutered? (Y or N)	Kept Indoors? Or Outdoors?	How long owned?	Own now? Or Why Gone?

If you have current pets, have they ever lived with another pet before? *Yes No N/A*

If yes, what types of other animals? _____

If you have current pets, how is their behavior towards other animals? _____

Name of Current Veterinarian or Clinic _____ Phone Number _____

Under whose name and what address are records kept? _____

Prior or Other Veterinarian or Clinic _____ Phone No. _____

Please provide a reference (other than a relative) who knows you as a pet owner. If you have never had a pet, provide the name of a friend or co-worker.

Name of Reference _____ Day Phone Number _____

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first name	last name	date
address	city	state zip
home phone () -	work phone () -	email

1	I have owned a dog before.	YES	NO	Currently own dog(s)
2	The last time I had a dog was...	2-10 years ago	10 years +	Not currently, but within the past year
3	My dog needs to get along with other dogs.	NO	If yes, list names, ages, genders and breeds: _____	
4	My dog needs to be good with: (circle all that apply)	Children over 8 years old	Children under 8 years old	Cats
			Elderly People	Animals other than dogs and cats
5	My dog will primarily be an...	Inside dog	Outside dog	
6	How many hours will your dog spend outside per day?	_____ hours		
7	My dog needs to be able to be alone (per day)...	4 hours or less	8-10 hours	2 hours or less
			4-8 hours	12 hours
8	When I'm at home, I want my dog to be by my side....	All of the time	Some of the time	Little of the time
9	When I'm not at home, my dog will spend her time...	In the garage	In the yard	Loose in the house
		In a crate in the house		Confined to one room in the house
10	I want a guard dog.	NO	YES	
11	I want my dog to hunt or herd with me.	NO	YES	
12	I want my dog to be the type that is very enthusiastic in the way she shows she loves people.	Not at all	Somewhat	Very
13	I want my dog to be playful.	Not at all	Somewhat	Very
14	I want my dog to be laid back.	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
15	I am comfortable doing some training with my dog to improve manners such as jumping, stealing food, and pulling on the leash.	No training	Some training	A lot of training
16	I (or my children) want to participate in Agility, Flyball or Obedience with our dog.	NO	YES	
17	I am interested in a dog with "special needs" (medical or behavioral)	NO	YES	
18	It's most important to me that my dog _____			
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Certifications, Authorizations, Releases, and Understandings

1. I certify that all statements on this Adoption Application are made truthfully and without evasion, and further understand and agree that such statements may be investigated and if found to be false will be sufficient reason for not being allowed to adopt from The Humane Society of Kent County.
2. I authorize the Humane Society to contact my reference(s), my veterinarian(s) and anyone else The Humane Society deems necessary to confirm how I have cared for my companion animals and/or how I am likely to care for any companion animal(s) I adopt from The Humane Society.
3. I authorize my veterinarian(s) to release to The Humane Society all veterinary records of the animals I own or have owned.
4. I understand that, with proper care, cats can live 15 years or more and I am prepared to commit myself to the long-term care and protection of any animal I adopt from the Humane Society.
5. I understand that animal(s) I adopt from The Humane Society may require veterinary medical or health treatment beyond that provided by The Humane Society prior to my taking the animal(s) home. Such additional veterinary medical treatment could be costly. I acknowledge that The Humane Society is not responsible for providing any additional veterinary treatment or the incurring cost of any additional veterinary treatment provided by veterinarians I select to provide such treatment.
6. I will not sell or give away animal(s) I adopt from The Humane Society of Kent County. As long as I live in the service area of The Humane Society of Kent County, I agree to return the animal (s) to The Humane Society of Kent County in the event I cannot keep or chose not to keep the animal(s). If I move from the area, I agree to take the animal(s) to the local humane society or comparable local animal welfare organization.

Date

Applicant's Signature

COMMON HEALTH PROBLEMS TO WATCH FOR IN DOGS

DISTEMPER

Distemper is an extremely contagious and damaging virus that is carried both in the air and on objects. A dog does not have to come in direct contact with another dog to get Distemper. You can also carry it home on your clothing. Unfortunately, many dogs die or are permanently damaged because their owners did not realize the need for regular Distemper inoculations.

Distemper is extremely difficult to diagnose in its early stages. A dog may be listless, suffer loss of appetite, have a discharge from the nose, have a pink tinge to the white of the eye or have a slight fever. Later symptoms may include paralysis, a sensitivity to touch and light, a heavy mucus from the nose, hard foot pads or convulsions.

KENNEL COUGH

More prevalent than Distemper, but no where near as dangerous, is another virus, Tracheal Bronchitis, commonly called "Kennel Cough" because it is frequently found in dogs that are housed together. Although not fatal or disabling, kennel cough can be stubborn, especially in puppies. The dog develops a croup-like cough and swollen tonsils and lymph nodes. Your veterinarian may prescribe antibiotics to treat the bacterial infection. If you have a dog at home, particularly an older dog, you should ask your veterinarian about the advisability of a preventative shot for your dog before introducing a pet from a shelter.

PARVOVIRUS

Parvo is a contagious intestinal disease characterized by severe vomiting, runny, bloody and smelly stool, high fever and dehydration. Onset of these symptoms is extremely sudden, beginning with the dog acting lethargic and having a loss of appetite. The dog must get veterinary attention immediately. The virus seems to strike dogs under stress, especially those in unfamiliar surroundings, such as shelters, kennels or dog shows. Prime candidates seem to be puppies and older dogs that have led protected lives.

HEARTWORM

Since heartworm is transmitted by mosquito bite, infection occurs during the Spring, Summer and Autumn months in Michigan. Heartworms grow, reproduce and collect in the heart and major blood vessels, restricting blood flow to the lungs,

kidneys and liver. Untreated, heartworm is fatal. Signs of heartworm vary: the dog may cough, tire quickly, or appear weak and show labored breathing.

THERE ARE RISKS INVOLVED IN ADOPTING A DOG FROM A SHELTER

THE DOG YOU MAY WANT TO ADOPT HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO VIRUSES, PERHAPS BEFORE HE WAS BROUGHT HERE, BUT MOST CERTAINLY AFTER HE ARRIVED.

The Humane Society is NOT a pet shop. We receive owned and stray animals and rescue sick, injured and abandoned ones. For a few of the owned animals, we will have veterinary records. But for the most of those we receive, we will have no medical histories.

In effort to keep the dogs healthy while here, we maintain a clean kennel, keep fresh air circulating throughout the animal housing area, and give the dogs protective shots. Each dog receives a DHLPP, which attempts to protect him from Distemper, Parvovirus, Kennel Cough, Hepatitis and Leptospirosis. He also receives a Bordatella vaccine that further protects against Kennel Cough.

However, even an inoculated dog could become ill with any of the above conditions because inoculations do not provide immediate protection and because the dog may have been incubating the condition before being admitted to the shelter.

THERE IS SIMPLY NO GUARANTEE THAT THE ANIMAL YOU ADOPT MAY NOT BECOME SERIOUSLY ILL AFTER YOU HAVE TAKEN IT HOME.

In their incubation stage, viruses are not detectable. Therefore, an adopted animal may look healthy on the day of adoption and begin to show symptoms of his illness a few days later – at your home.

Apart from the measures we take in trying to keep shelter animals healthy, there are no other reasonable, affordable precautions that we can take to prevent your pet from becoming ill after adoption. We want you to be forewarned that the animal you adopt may require extensive post-adoption veterinary care.

Please read and sign the following STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING:

Date: _____

I understand that the animal I am interested in adopting may require medical treatment that could result in significant veterinary medical bills. I will not hold the Humane Society of Kent County accountable for the cost of such treatment as the dog may require after adoption.

Signature: _____