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FACTORS FOR ADOPTERS TO CONSIDER BEFORE ADOPTION

Pflugerville Pets Alive! wants nothing more than to match one of our pets to a new adopter. Over time, we have discovered that there are many things that factor into a new home not working out. Please read below and sign at the bottom that you are aware of the following risk factors and will ensure that this pet does not suffer if these situations were to happen to you:

1. Age of adopter. Young people tend to adopt animals and not recognize that their life circumstances are about to change dramatically and that can be a deal breaker (or even death sentence) for a pet. What will happen to this pet if you were to move in with someone allergic to pets, move abroad, or have to move back in with family members? What about if you have children? Will there no longer be time for your pet?
2. Job status. Are you in the job that you foresee having for the next 10-15 years? If not, what are the possible scenarios your life will face? Will you possibly move very far away for a job? Will you possibly have to move to a place that doesn't accept animals? Would you have to travel a lot? What happens to the pet if you temporarily lose your job?
3. History of previous pets. What happened to your last pet(s)? If you have a history of getting a pet only to relinquish it to a friend, family member, or shelter, you definitely want to put some serious thought into obtaining your next pet. Make sure that you do not upset a pet's life by having to give that pet away because your life changes again.
4. Marital status: What will happen to this pet if you end up with a person who does not like pets, is allergic to pets, or has pets of their own? Will you make sure this pet has a place in your household or that you find a suitable home (ie the pet is NOT taken to the shelter, even if you have no other options)?
5. Financial situation: Do you have the funds to care for this pet? What if this pet gets sick next month and the vet says it will cost \$1000 to treat it? Are you sure you can make a commitment to provide monthly heartworm prevention for a dog for the next 10-15 years? In order to get that heartworm prevention, you usually have to see a vet office once a year and get a yearly heartworm test as well as vaccines. This is typically at least \$300 per year.
6. Housing. Do you rent? If yes, then you need to be aware that many landlords do not allow pets of any kind and some have specific rules against certain types of pets (dog size and breed and number). Do you know the rules? If yes, will you always live in a place that allows pets of this type? What will you do to prevent a pet from going to the shelter because of your housing situation? If you do not know the rules, we strongly recommend you make sure this new pet is allowed before incurring the cost of adoption and causing stress in this animal's life by having to return him/her.
7. Animal behavior. Do you know much about dog or cat behavior? It is not uncommon for dogs to develop separation anxiety after being in an animal shelter which leads them to very destructive behavior. Cats can also develop litter box problems especially during times of stress. If one of these issues occurs, will you give up on the dog or cat? Or will you seek the behavior help you need and make the time to help your new pet acclimate to your home?



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8. Pet housing. PPA! will not allow a dog to become an outside dog. Dogs are in desperate need of living with their "pack". It is mentally and emotionally cruel to house a dog outside unless it is only for short periods of time. You should consider this dog to be your companion and that means that he/she sleeps near you (in a crate or loose in the room), can be near you when you are home, and is not alone the majority of the time. If you do not have the time to train your dog to behave indoors, then it might not be a good time to get a pet. It is our job to make sure that you have considered everything before taking your new pet home. Our intention is not to scare you away from adopting but to ensure that you are prepared to make this a permanent addition to your family. We have seen too many people return animals after adoption and we feel that if we can prevent even one return, then we are doing the right thing.

Please read our return policies as well. Thank you for considering adoption. We know that each animal in our care is special and we will do everything we can to help your new pet transition from our care to yours.

Potential Adopter

Signature _____ Date _____



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Dog Adoption Survey

Dog's Name _____ Date _____

Applicant Information:

Name _____ Age _____

Occupation _____

Email _____

Phone Numbers

Home _____ Work _____ Mobile _____

Address _____ City, state, zip _____

This address is: House Apartment/Condo Townhouse Mobile Home Other

Will the dog reside at this address? _____

Do you own or rent your home? _____

If renting, how much is your pet deposit? _____

If renting, please note that we may require proof that this pet will be permitted in your residence.

How long have you resided at this place? _____

How long do you plan to live there? _____

Do you have a fenced yard? _____ If so, what type of fence and height? _____

How many adults in the household? _____ Ages? _____

How many children in household? _____ Ages? _____

Who would be the primary caregiver? _____

Will others be handling or caring for this pet? _____

If yes, number of adults: _____ Number of children: _____

If something should happen to you, who would take responsibility for this pet?

Pet History:

Have you ever adopted from Pflugerville Pets Alive? _____

Have you ever moved from one residence to another without taking your pet? _____

If yes, please explain



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Current Pet Information:

Does your household currently have pets? Yes No

Please provide and list the following information about any animals in your home (even if they are not yours):

Pet #1:

Type of pet (dog, cat, ferret, etc): _____

Age: _____ Sex: Male Female Breed: _____

This pet belongs to me: Yes No

Is this pet neutered/spayed? _____

This pet is kept: (Indoors, outdoors, or indoors/outdoors)

How long has this pet been in your household? _____

Pet #2:

Type of pet (dog, cat, ferret, etc): _____

Age: _____ Sex: Male Female Breed: _____

This pet belongs to: Applicant or Roommate

Is this pet neutered/spayed? _____

This pet is kept: (Indoors, outdoors, or indoors/outdoors)

How long has this pet been in your household? _____

Pet #3:

Type of pet (dog, cat, ferret, etc): _____

Age: _____ Sex: Male Female Breed: _____

This pet belongs to: Applicant or Roommate

Is this pet neutered/spayed? _____

This pet is kept: (Indoors, outdoors, or indoors/outdoors)

How long has this pet been in your household? _____

Please list any others by species (dog, cat, etc): _____

Past Pets:

Have you had other pets in your adult life that are not listed on this application? If yes, how long did you have them and what happened to them?



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Specific Dog Adoption Information:
Why do you want to adopt a rescue pet?

What interests you in this dog specifically?

This dog will stay: Inside only Outside only Inside/Outside
Where will the dog be while you are gone during the day?

Where will the dog sleep at night?

Do you plan to use a crate with this dog?

How many hours per day would the dog be left alone?

Where will he/she stay when left alone?

When you travel, will the dog travel with you?

If not always, where will the dog stay when you are traveling?

How active do you want this pet to be?

- Very Active (needs a lot of daily exercise/running),
- Moderately Active (needs a walk each day and play time), or
- Sedentary (couch potato)?

How important is it that this dog gets along with other dogs?



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Please list three behaviors that in your household, would result in a correction for the dog:

How do you plan to correct the dog if he/she does something wrong?

What will you do if this pet develops an unforeseen severe health or behavior problem?

Excluding emergency care, please estimate what you plan to spend in the next 2 months on food, routine vet care, heartworm/flea prevention, toys, bedding, training, etc. for this dog?

I plan to engage in the following activities with this dog on a daily basis: (check all that apply)

Walking/hiking Running Fetch Yard work Dog park Dog day care Obedience training Other _____

Are you familiar with heartworm prevention?

Vet Information:

What is your veterinarian's name?

Clinic name:

Clinic phone number:

Please initial here to indicate your consent for an Austin Pets Alive representative to verify information with your veterinarian _____

Would you object to a home visit by one of our representatives? Yes No