

Diamonds in the Ruff

Application for Emotional Support/Companion Dog/Therapy Dog

Thank you for your interest in adopting a Diamond Dog. Your answers to the following questions will help us to find a dog that is the best possible match for you, your household, and your lifestyle. Please keep in mind that there are no wrong answers and that the more detail you provide, the better able we will be to find a dog that will meet your needs and thrive in your household.

Please note that Diamond Dogs are placed strictly as companion animals. While some applicants may choose to pursue registering them as emotional support animals (ESAs) or therapy dogs, these dogs may *NOT* be used as Service Dogs which are highly trained dogs that have broad public access rights and are covered by the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Applicants may adopt our dogs as companion animals or they may choose to pursue registering them as either emotional support animals (ESAs) or as therapy dogs. If an ideal match for a dog is not found within our applicant pool, we will match and place dogs with members of the general public that can best meet their health and wellness needs. Which best describes the type of dog that you are applying for?

- Companion Dog
- Emotional Support Dog
- Therapy Dog - Requires an addendum with this application
- Other/General Public Applicant (applicant or member of the household is not directly impacted by disability)

Today's Date

Applicant's Name & Age: (If more than one adult will be responsible for the dog, please list their information as well.)

Home Address:

Home Phone & Cell Phone:

Email address:

Please list all persons living in the home.

Name	Age	Relationship	Name	Age	Relationship

Are all family members in support of welcoming a dog into the household? Feel free to be as specific as possible.



Please describe how you believe a companion dog would benefit you and/or your family.



Are you or a family member of your immediate household impacted by a disability? If so, please describe in detail. It is vital that we help our dogs feel comfortable in situations they may be unfamiliar with, so please let us know if there are specific disability-related sights, sounds, smells, and/or behaviors that are part of your daily life. This may include mobility equipment or prosthetics, disability-related movements or vocalizations, difficulty reading and responding to social cues, or difficulty interpreting body language (this is especially important when interacting with dogs since they use body language to convey important signals and emotions such as happiness and stress).

Are you or a family member a veteran? If so please provide the following Information:

Dates of service:

Please scan or attach a copy of one of the following documents:

- DD-214
- Active Duty ID Card
- Retired ID Card

About Your Dog

Please describe the ideal dog for you and/or your family. Include size/weight, age, personality, temperament and energy level. (e.g., cuddly, laid back, independent, couch potato).

Minimum and maximum size/weight: From _____ lbs to _____ lbs
Minimum and maximum age: From _____ years to _____ years

Summary of ideal personality, temperament, energy level:

Are there any specific breeds that you will not consider? If so, please list. Many dogs in shelters are mixed breeds so it would also be helpful to let us know your reasons for wanting to avoid a certain breed.

Do you plan to register your dog as an emotional support animal (ESA) in order to benefit from Federal Fair Housing Act, the Rehabilitation Act, and the Air Carrier Act laws which may allow you to live in “pet restricted” housing and allow your dog to accompany you on airline flights?

- **ESAs** are not specially trained to perform tasks like service dogs, but instead **provide comfort and emotional support to their owners.**
- ESAs are not allowed in public places such as grocery stores, restaurants, hotels or other public venues where pets are not allowed.
- ESA registration requires documentation of need by a licensed health professional and will allow your dog special consideration in the specific areas of housing and air travel.

Please answer yes or no:

If you do plan to register your dog as an ESA how frequently will you travel by airplane?:

About You

Dogs have different needs in terms of mental and physical stimulation in order to stay happy, healthy, and balanced. Some dogs are laid back and enjoy a sedentary lifestyle, some crave action and interaction, and others are somewhere in between. The following questions will help us to match you with a dog that will best fit your lifestyle.

Do you plan to do any special activities with your dog such as obedience classes, agility competitions, or becoming a registered therapy team through an organization like Pet Partners?

Will you take your dog on outings (e.g., places outside of your neighborhood such as parks, playgrounds, dog parks, on hikes, camping, on trips, or on other outings)? Please list.

Will your dog travel in cars on a regular basis (e.g., several times per week)?

Do you plan to engage in regular exercise with your dog such as walking, biking, or jogging? If so, please specify the type of exercise, approximate duration, and how often.

How will the dog get regular daily exercise?

Where will you leave the dog when no one is home (e.g., crated, loose in the house, in a specific room)?

Where will you have the dog sleep at night?

Will children be visiting your home? If so, please list approximate ages and how often you expect them to visit.

Age of Child	Relationship	Frequency & Length of visits

Who will care for your dog when yourself or family members are away due to an emergency that requires hospitalization or otherwise (e.g., vacation).

Employment Information

Please include your information as well as any other adult that will take financial or personal responsibility for the dog.

Do you and/or the person financially responsible for the dog work outside of the home? If so, please provide employer's name and contact information.

About Your Home

How long have you lived in your current residence?

Do you rent or own this property?

If you rent please provide the following information:

Property Owner's/Manager's Name	Contact Information	*Please scan or attach a copy of your lease showing that dogs are allowed.

Do you have a fully or partially fenced yard?

Type of fence (e.g., chain link)	Height of fence	Size of fenced area

How many hours will the dog spend alone (without a person at home) on a regular basis?

Days	Please enter approximate number of hours alone
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	

How will you make sure the dog's exercise, socialization, and toileting needs are met if the dog is left alone for four or more hours at a time (e.g., another dog is in the home, dog door with free access to a fenced yard, dog walker, doggie day care, friend or neighbor will stop in, etc.)?

References

Please list three personal references NOT residing in the household. If you are a veteran and are affiliated with the Veterans Administration please provide a reference from this organization:

Name	Relationship	Contact information

Pet History

Please list all animals you have owned within the last 3 years beginning with animals now living in the home.

Name	Type/Breed	Male or Female	Spayed or Neutered	Age	Current on Vaccinations?	Monthly Preventatives (Please list for current animals only.)	If no longer in the household, please explain.

Please list the veterinarians you have seen for the above animals, beginning with the most recent.

Name	Pets Cared For	Contact Information

Please indicate how much you plan to budget for your dog's regular yearly health maintenance including food, pet sitters, veterinary well check, monthly heartworm preventatives, monthly flea & tick preventatives, etc.

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Agreement

The adopting Party agrees to:

- Assume all legal and financial obligations for the dog; including registering the dog in the city/county of residence.
- Keep the dog in a loving home environment.
- Maintain regular veterinary care including yearly well checks, necessary immunizations, heartworm preventative, and flea and tick control during the life of the dog as well as to meet the dog's health care needs in case of emergencies that may arise.
- Maintain regular grooming including trimming nails and keeping the dog's coat clean and matt free.
- Maintain the optimal weight and condition of the dog as recommended by the dog's veterinarian.
- Pay the customary adoption fee (usually from \$100.00 - \$200.00) directly to the dog's rescue/shelter organization. This fee does not include compensation for DITR.
- Immediately notify DITR in writing if for any reason the original adopting party can no longer maintain the dog to the standards of this agreement or if the dog is to be rehomed. In these cases upon DITR request the adopting party shall execute and deliver any necessary documents to affect transfer of ownership to DITR and shall deliver the dog along with all veterinary and other documentation related to the dog.

