

DARBY'S PALS RESCUE, INC.

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DARBY'S PALS RESCUE ADOPTION APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescued pet! Darby's Pals Rescue is concerned with the serious problems of animal over-population and animal neglect/ abuse/ abandonment that exist nationwide, so we decided to do our part here in the Dallas/ Ft. Worth area of Texas and provide safety to those furry friends who come our way. We focus on rescuing animals who have been consigned to death at area animal control facilities, found as strays, or given up by their owners. Prior to adoption, each animal has been spayed or neutered, is current on shots/ heartworm & flea control, and has received full medical care as needed by our local veterinarian.

Pet ownership is a huge responsibility, and one that should never be taken lightly. Our application and screening process are quite detailed, thus designed to ensure that each adopted pet is matched appropriately with the family that's right for them. This helps to ensure that as each animal is placed, it goes to a "forever" home, where the new family totally understands the pet's personality and is willing to embrace the full responsibility of care that comes along with it.

Please invest some time and dedicated thought into filling out this application. The more information you provide us, the better we can be assisted in our placement efforts. Our rescued animals often come with memories of past abuse or neglect, and frequently require a lot of love and patience to be able to trust humans again. Therefore, these furry friends deserve the stability of a permanent home where they will be loved, secure and safe for the remainder of their lives. We care very deeply about our rescued animals as we invest our love and time into their well-being and social development, and we trust that you share our desire to only place them in the best homes possible.

Please feel free to use the back of this application or add additional pages to complete your answers.

Why are you interested in adopting a pet?

What do you think are the most important responsibilities of owning a dog/ cat?

What dog/ cat breeds do you currently own? Please indicate if they're spayed or neutered, and if so- at what age were they spayed/ neutered?

<u>NAME(S)</u>	<u>BREED(S)</u>	<u>AGE NOW</u>	<u>SPAYED/NEUTERED?</u>	<u>AGE AT SPAY/NEUTER?</u>
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What pets have you owned in the past 10 years that you no longer own today? Please tell in detail what happened to them. Use back of this page if necessary.

Who is your veterinarian? Please be sure to list all vet clinics you use for your current animals (including mobile vet clinics) and any vet clinics you have used within the past 5 years. Please include the phone numbers for all clinics, as we will verify information with all vets that have cared for your current and past animals. **IMPORTANT:** *Please let your veterinary clinic(s) know to expect our call, and give them specific permission to speak to a member of our rescue Board. We cannot process applications without information from your veterinarian.*

Will this pet be living with you at the address on this application? If not, please explain where the pet will be living.

What plans have you made for the care of your new pet, should you become temporarily or permanently unable to care for it?

How many people reside in your family? Do you have children? If so, what ages are they?

Are there other people residing in your household? If so, please list.

Does everyone in your household want a new adopted pet? *Note: please be sure that all adults in the household sign the last page of the application.*

Who will be responsible for the care, feeding, housetraining, and any additional training of the new pet?

Will someone be home during the day, or will the pet be left alone? If left alone, for approximately how long?

When the pet is left alone at home (while everyone is at work/ school/ church/ shopping/ errands), where will the pet stay? Please explain in detail.

Where will the new pet sleep at night?

What type of fence do you have? Have you checked the fence for any small holes/ loose boards/ or gaps between the fence and the ground that the new pet could get out of or dig under?

Do you have a swimming pool, spa, pond, or other water feature? Is it separately fenced so that the new pet will not have access to it? If not, please explain what safeguards are in place to prevent any mishap.

What gender, size, color, coat preference do you have regarding your potential new pet? Is there a particular reason for any of these preferences? Are you interested in a specific animal from our listing on the Petfinder website? If so, which one?

(Please check all that apply.)

I want my new pet to be:

- my companion
- in my lap
- a "couch potato"
- my running/ hiking/ camping buddy
- a guard dog
- a family member
- my best friend
- a competitor (agility, show, obedience, etc.)
- a model canine citizen (therapy dog, drug search dog, etc.)
- other *(specify)*

How will you approach housetraining with a new dog?

How long do you estimate it would take for a newly-adopted dog to be housetrained?

How will you approach general obedience training with a new dog/ cat?

Is anyone in your household allergic to animals? If so, who? Are they able to adequately manage their allergies while living in the same house with an animal?

What circumstances would justify getting rid of your pet(s)?

What brand of heartworm prevention do you use? Where do you purchase it? *If you have purchased heartworm prevention online instead of from your vet, we need the name of the prescribing vet and a copy of the receipt or prescription label verifying your purchase for each dog in the household.*

What do you estimate it will cost annually to care for your new pet? What would be the total cost of pet care if you have additional animals already in your household? (food, regular veterinary care, boarding, grooming, incidentals, etc.)

Do you own or rent your home?

What type of home do you live in?

- single family dwelling
- two-family dwelling (duplex)
- condominium/ townhouse
- apartment
- farm/ out in the country

If you are renting, you must provide a written and signed statement from your landlord showing that you have permission to have a dog or cat on the premises. If you already own a dog/ cat and have an existing pet agreement, you must provide proof that your landlord will allow you to have an additional dog or cat on the premises. This information must be included with your application. Our adoption committee will reject applications lacking this information.

How did you find out about our rescue program?

Please tell us about yourself and why you feel you can provide an excellent home for a rescued dog or cat. (Use back of page if necessary, and please respond in detail.)

All incomplete applications will be rejected by our adoption committee.

In order to be considered for an adoption, you must:

- Be at least 21 years old and have verifiable identification as well as proof of current address.
- Be able to verify that you may have a pet where you live.
- Expect to spend time discussing your application with one of our rescue committee members.
- Be prepared to have a mandatory home visit from one of the rescue Board Members. Realize that ALL family members must be present at the home visit. During the home visit, our representative will do a brief temperament evaluation of all current pets in the household. We are unable to adopt in homes where any current dogs exhibit "people-aggressive" or "dog/cat-aggressive" behaviors during the home visit. Additionally, while we do not preclude potential adoptive families who currently own large-breed dogs, due to size differential with a small dog or cat, we are also not able to adopt in homes when the Board determines there may be a potential for injury to our small rescue dog or cat.
- Understand that Darby's Pals Rescue, Inc. has the right to deny the adoption application for any reason.
- An adoption donation of \$200.00 will help re-coup costs already spent by DPR for veterinarian care to get the animal ready for adoption.

We appreciate your taking the time to fully complete our application. It will be reviewed promptly by our rescue committee. If approved, you will be contacted to schedule a home visit.

PRINT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

SIGNATURES: (PLEASE INCLUDE ALL ADULT MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD, WITH NAMES ALSO PRINTED LEGIBLY)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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