



Name of Dog(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Volunteer to Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 &/or Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Precious Paws**

# ADOPTION PROCEDURE



- LOOK OVER &/OR DISCUSS THE SELECTION OF DOGS.**  
Foster parents/volunteers can provide information about the pet's personality, health, special needs, etc.
- \* **IF YOU DO NOT SEE WHAT YOU WANT; IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A PARTICULAR BREED -- PLEASE ASK.** Limited space prohibits our showing the complete selection of wonderful DOGS we have available.
- COMPLETE AN APPLICATION.** This gives us information and reminds you of responsibilities you may not have considered regarding pet ownership. A volunteer will review your form.
- REVIEW & DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION BY FOSTER PARENTS & DIRECTORS \***  
**NOTE:** Completing the Application is only the first step in gathering information that will help us understand how a pet will fit into your lifestyle. Please do not be surprised if we call you later for more information.

**Please Note that our Primary Consideration in ALL Pet Placement Decisions is the PET !**

Most of our pets have had a hard life and many have special needs (such as food, attention, training, security, etc.). We appreciate your understanding how much effort goes into the placement decision. In most cases, considerable work, love and money are expended to rehabilitate the little furry buddies. After this considerable investment, it is understandable that we really try hard for a good "fit".

**Please keep in mind that not everyone who applies will get a pet. This has more to do with the pet than with the applicant. However, every application will be considered, and is deeply appreciated!**

- \* **Precious Paws will contact you by phone within 24 - 72 hours.**

**WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ADOPTION TO ANY PERSON FOR ANY REASON.** Except race, creed, color or origin.

**If the questionnaire and interview results are positive**

**and accepted by the foster parent & PRECIOUS PAWS. . . THEN :**

- SCHEDULE A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME WITH FOSTER PARENT TO DELIVER THE DOG TO YOUR HOME.**

**\*We do not release any animal from our adoption events, our pet shelters or from our foster parent's homes. Nor do we accept a pet adoption donation while at a pet event.**

**\*We do home delivery and at that time we check your home for any possible safety hazards that you may have overlooked. You would be surprised what a new dog may get into or may accidentally damage.**

**\*We check to make sure that the yard, fencing and gate(s) are secure.**

**\*At the time of delivery we will also discuss current food and recommended supplies.**

- DELIVERY DAY: PLAN AHEAD -- Be prepared to spend the ENTIRE day & evening HOME with your NEW DOG(s). [This is their day!] READ AND DISCUSS THE CONTRACT & then SIGN IT.** Make sure you understand and agree to **ALL** of the terms. **Then pay the minimum PET ADOPTION DONATION FEE\*** - CASH, OR, CHECK; Made PAYABLE TO **"PRECIOUS PAWS"**, AS FOLLOWS:

**DOGS / PUPPIES**

All DOGS are

\$250.00

*Subject to Change (Nov. 2008)*



**Your Adoption Fee Covers:**

DOGS will be current with their Vaccinations based upon age: This may or may not include rabies.

Treated for Parasites, and examined by a Vet.

ALL DOGS are sterilized (spay/neuter). All are Microchipped.

- COMPLETE THE TWO-WEEK TRIAL PERIOD.** If we do not make a match, we will gladly take back the DOG. Your adoption fee will be refunded at that time, PROVIDED the pet is healthy upon its return

**“We hope the PRECIOUS PAWS’ Adoption Procedure will help you seriously consider the step you are taking by adopting a pet.”**



**WHY DO WE HAVE SUCH A LENGTHY ADOPTION PROCEDURE?**

We do not offer instant gratification. While most everyone feels the urge to take home that “cute little kitty”/“cuddly puppy”, **we want you to consider the serious responsibility of pet ownership.** Do you have the time to give a young pet the consistent and gentle discipline it needs? Would unexpected vet bills put a financial hardship on you or your family? Have you thought about how future changes in you life will affect your pet’s life? The average life expectancy for a pet is 15 years. Are you ready to make that kind of commitment?

**WHERE DO OUR CATS / DOGS COME FROM?**

Whenever space permits, we rescue animals who are homeless or who are living in dangerous situations due to abandonment, neglect, or abuse. Because of our policy to always accept the return of any previously placed rescued animal if it cannot be kept by its adoptive family for any reason, we sometimes have these pets available again for adoption.

**WHY DO WE ASK FOR A DONATION?**

We depend on your donations to pay medical expenses and to provide care for our rescued animals. Ninety-five percent of all money collected goes directly to fulfill that need. Five percent is used to pay administrative costs. Everyone involved with these rescues works on a strictly volunteer basis.

Also, we believe that collecting a donation keeps our animals from falling into the hands of those who obtain “free” animals in order to sell them to research labs or use them for other abusive purposes.

**WHY DO WE ASK FOR A REFUNDABLE STERILIZATION DEPOSIT IF THE CAT / DOG IS NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED?**

Assemble Bill 1856 became operative on January 1, 2000. For the purposes of [the sections below], a rescue group is a . . . not for profit entity, or a collaboration of individuals with at least one of its purposes being the . . . placement of cats / dogs.

**SECTION 1.** (a) The Legislature finds and declares that overpopulation of dogs and cats in California is a problem of great public concern. The overpopulation causes public health problems, adversely affects city and county animal control departments, and results in needlessly euthanized dogs and cats. (b) It is the intent of the Legislature, by enacting this act, to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats in California. In order to reduce the number of stray dogs and cats on the streets, and the number euthanized in shelters each year, the birth rate must be reduced. Although the point may seem obvious, humans generally give birth to a single offspring, while dogs and cats give birth to litters. Additionally, dogs and cats reach sexual maturity relatively young and their gestation periods are comparatively short. The single most effective prevention of overpopulation among dogs and cats is spaying and neutering.

**SEC. 6.** (b). **NO** public animal control agency or shelter, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals shelter, humane society shelter, or **RESCUE GROUP** shall sell or give away to a new owner any **CAT** that has not been spayed or neutered. [(there is a similar clause for **DOGS**)]

(b) . . . the adopter . . . shall pay the . . . **rescue group** a deposit of **not less than forty dollars (\$40)**...

**Los Angeles City Municipal Code - Effective January 1, 2001.** The City Council finds that the City of Los Angeles is facing a public health and safety crisis . . . The numerous stray cats also roaming the City streets compound this crisis. . . . many of the City’s animal owners abandon unwanted cats and dogs to fend for themselves on the streets. The Council finds that part of the solution to the problem is to require the owners of dogs and cats in the City to spay and neuter their animals . . . **If the owner chooses not to spay or neuter his/her cat or dog, then that owner is required to obtain an unaltered animal permit and a breeder’s permit . . .** (a) **Unaltered Animal Permit / Breeder’s Permit:** 1. **No person shall own, harbor or keep within the City of Los Angeles a dog or a cat over the age of four months which has not been spayed or neutered, unless such person holds a valid unaltered animal permit / breeder’s permit.** A separate permit must be obtained for each owned dog or cat . . . (d) Penalties: 1. . . any person violating any provision of this Section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

**WHY DO WE DELIVER THE ANIMAL TO YOUR HOME AND HAVE A TRIAL PERIOD?**

Our primary purpose is to ensure that the animal and its adoptive family are well-matched and that the pet’s welfare and happiness will continue in its new environment. (See #4 on the previous page.) We have found that delivering the pet directly from its foster home to its new permanent home helps make the adjustment less stressful for everyone. **The TWO WEEK TRIAL PERIOD:** If we do not make a match, we will gladly take back the pet. Your adoption donation will be refunded at that time, PROVIDED the pet is healthy upon its return. **With this more personal approach, we hope to open a line of communication which will be ongoing throughout the life of your adopted pet. We want to encourage you to contact us if there are ever any questions or problems regarding your adopted pet.**

**PRECAUTIONS**

**WE** would never knowingly place a sick pet. However, bringing any new animal into your home always involves some small risk. It is your responsibility to be aware of the risks and to take the necessary precautions. All Pets placed by us are, to the best of our knowledge, in good health. We do, however, recommend you have the pet examined by your own veterinarian.

**WE** strongly recommend that all animals currently in your household be healthy and current with their necessary vaccinations before bringing a new pet into your home.

\* The new owner is told that **PRECIOUS PAWS** stands ready to take back the animal at any time **during its lifetime** if the owner finds that he/she/they can no longer keep it.

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