



## ADOPTION APPLICATION

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### **Application Form and Approval Process:**

We require person(s) seeking to adopt a senior dog from Top Dog Foundation (TDF) to **complete this application (pages 2-4) to begin the approval process.** The approval process includes reference checks and a home visit.

We reserve the right to decline any request that may not suggest a good fit for a senior dog.

### **Meeting the Dog:**

We do not operate a shelter and all of our dogs are fostered in private homes. Meetings with the dogs are arranged *once an applicant is approved for adoption.*

### **Adoption fees:**

While there is not a set adoption fee, any donation to Top Dog Foundation is appreciated and greatly needed. Getting a senior dog ready for adoption can be very costly and Top Dog Foundation is 100% dependent upon donations for its programs.

### **If ownership proves impossible:**

Top Dog Foundation requires that any dog adopted from us must be returned to us in the event the owner is unable to care for the dog.

### **Pre-adoption:**

Each dog placed by TDF receives a medical checkup and any needed vaccinations prior to placement. While in our care, issues concerning the dog's health and quality of life, including behavior and socialization, are evaluated and recorded for new owners.

**Please complete and return the following pages (2-4) ➡**

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Adopter Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:

- Home
- Work
- Cellular

How long at this address?      Own  Rent

If renting or townhome association, name & phone of landlord/association. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that a home visit/tour is part of the approval process. If you live outside the Twin Cities metro area, it may take us longer to arrange for your home visit. If approved, you may be asked to drive to the Twin Cities to meet the dog.

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you check your email every day?  Yes  No

How did you hear of Top Dog Foundation? (Referral, veterinarian, internet, advertising, etc.)

List name, breed, and age of all **current** pets in your household & indicate if they are spayed/neutered:

NAME	BREED	AGE	Spayed/Neutered?

What former/past pets (name, breed, age) have you owned **in the last 10 years** & what happened to each of them?  
 (If deceased, please explain circumstances):

NAME	BREED	AGE	Disposition



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**Please contact your veterinary clinic to authorize the release of information to Top Dog Foundation**

**Veterinarian name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

Providing this information authorizes TDF to discuss with you your vet information to TDF about your current & past pets.

**Are/were your pets current on vaccinations?** YES  NO

If NO please explain \_\_\_\_\_

**Are/were your pets current on heartworm preventative?** YES  NO

If NO please explain \_\_\_\_\_

**How many hours per day you are away from home?** This information is useful in determining an appropriate match between dog and family.

**Where in the home will the dog stay if you are away for several hours?**

**Where will the dog spend most of its time?**

**Do you have a fenced yard?**  YES  NO (Please describe)

If not, how do you plan to keep your dog safe & exercise your dog?

**Describe the general level of activity** of your household (e.g., Family size, seniors, meetings, social events)

**Ages of children in the home** or visiting frequently

**Have you ever adopted** from a shelter, humane society or rescue group?  YES  NO

If so, please name and location:

**Which circumstance(s) might cause you to return the dog to TDF?**



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What training methods do you plan to use or have you used?

Are you familiar with the possible condition(s) typical of senior dogs such as arthritis, incontinence, loss of hearing / sight?

YES  NO

**Two references who know your love of animals**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day/evening) \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day/evening) \_\_\_\_\_

**What are you looking for in a dog?**

Age (range) Color \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Qualities \_\_\_\_\_

Personality Qualities \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a specific dog that you are interested in meeting? Yes - \_\_\_\_\_

Will you consider a dog with health needs (if so, which ones)? \_\_\_\_\_

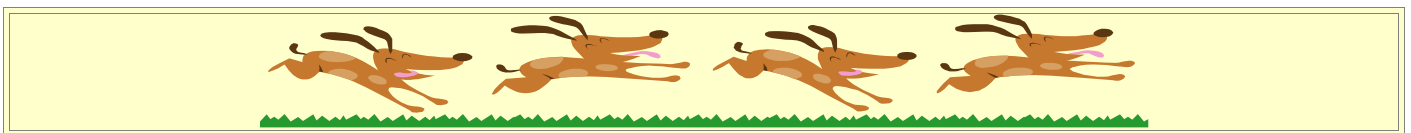
In considering a senior dog, longevity and future physical condition is difficult to project. Depending on breed, size, previous life style and treatment, and the pure will to prevail, each dog will respond differently to the "forever" new love from the new home. Do you accept that the joy given and shared by your adoption of the dog surpasses any sadness that the dog's lifespan or quality of life may prove less than most dog owners would expect?

YES  NO I would like more information

I certify that information provided above is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I am 18 years old or older.

Signature(s) of applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Please return pages 2-4 to :  
Top Dog Foundation, 5120 Vega Avenue, New Germany, MN 55364

Or email to:

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