Thank you for your interest in adopting a Catahoula from Catahoula Rescue of New England.

Before you begin the process we want to make sure that you are aware of the steps in the adoption process before you begin.

Our adoption process is more detailed than what you may find at your local shelter and this is because our dogs have been failed in the past and we strive to make this adoption their last adoption.

# To Begin the Adoption Process:

* **Step 1: Complete the enclosed Adoption Application.**
	+ - Please make sure all fields are completed!
			* If there are any areas that are not completed your application, will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.
* **Step 2: We will contact you to set up a Phone Interview.**
	+ Phone interviews can sometimes take up to an hour to go over everything we need to discuss. So, please plan accordingly when picking a day and time with our representative.
* **Step 3: Veterinarian and Personal Reference Check**
	+ Please let your Veterinarian’s office know that we will be calling for a reference that way they have permission to speak with us.
	+ Also, let your personal references know that we will be calling. The quicker we can speak to them, the quicker we can provide you with a decision on your application.
	+ Please be aware that we will also perform a standard background check as submitted and performed via the JD Palatine group.
	+ If we call your reference twice and leave a message and they do not return our call, please be prepared to provide us with another reference.
* **Step 4: Approval / Denial Notification**
	+ Will come in the form of an e-mail to the address you have provided us.
	+ If denied, your application is closed.
	+ If approved, we will provide you instructions as to any missing information we may need and will also inform you of the next steps detailed below. The approval is conditional at this point pending the home visit.
* **Step 5: Home Visit**
	+ One of our representatives will visit you and your family members in your home.
* **Step 6: Meet & Greet**
	+ Once you have decided upon a foster dog that you would like to meet we will have that dog’s foster parent get in touch with you and set up a “Meet & Greet”.
	+ You are required to travel to meet the foster and if you have pets of your own they need to be present at the “Meet & Greet”, as well as your family members, so that compatibility can be assed.
* **Step7: Adoption**
	+ If all goes well at the “Meet & Greet” and everyone is in agreement, then the adoption can proceed and be finalized.
	+ The adoption agreement will be emailed to you ahead of time for review and will need to be finalized with payment before you may leave with your new dog.

After you have completed the application and submitted it, please be patient – it may be at least several days before you hear back from a representative. We do not place our dogs on a “first come, first served” basis, but according to the needs of the dog. This Application is not a contract or an agreement.

Applicants must be 21 Years Old to Apply.

**Personal Information Date:**

Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Last 4 Digits of SSN: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Last 4 Digits of SSN: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Home phone: Work phone: Cell phone:

Street address:

City/State/Zip:

Best time to call: Your occupation:

E-mail: How often do you check e-mail?:

Current employer: How long employed there?:

Spouse’s employer: How long employed there?:

Children/other member of household, list ages and sex:

Other people and animals with which the dog must interact:

Any people in the household have pet allergies? If yes, which:

What are your daily activities and hobbies? Tell us about yourself:

**Home Information**

Are you located in the city, suburbs or a rural area?:

Is it a house, apartment or condominium?

Do you rent or own?: How long?:

If you rent are dogs allowed? Yes No

If so, how many dogs and what weight?

Landlord name and contact information (include phone and address):

If you own, are there any ordinances limiting the number of pets? Yes No

If so, how many pets may you have?

Do you have plans to move from this location? Yes No

Do you have many encounters with children? Yes No

Do you have many encounters with joggers? Yes No

Do you have many encounters with bicycles? Yes No

Do you have many encounters with neighborhood dogs? Yes No

Do you have many encounters with cats? Yes No

Do you have many encounters with dog parks? Yes No

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No

Type of fence: Fence height: Size yard:

What type of training methods/collars do you use? (Be specific):

If your adopted dog is not housetrained, what methods will you use to housebreak him/her ? (Be specific):

**Animal Care Information**

Name of current pet #1: Spay/Neutered:

Breed: Sex: Age:

Name of current pet #2: Spay/Neutered:

Breed: Sex: Age:

Name of current pet #3: Spay/Neutered:

Breed: Sex: Age:

Name of current pet #4: Spay/Neutered:

Breed: Sex: Age:

What happened to your previous pets? *Please be detailed*:

Who is the primary caretaker?:

When you are home, the dog will be: In the yard? In the home? Other:

*Please explain*:

When at work or away from home, the dog will be: In the yard? In the home?

In the crate?: With you?: Other:

*Please explain*:

Home alone hours: 1-2 hrs.: 2 – 4 hrs.: 4-6 hrs.: 6 – 8 hrs.: 8+ hrs.:

Will the dog be allowed in your home? Yes No

What is your opinion on dog crating? *Please be detailed*:

Crate or kennel (describe):

Amount of time per day and when dog(s) will be crated or kenneled? *Please be detailed*:

How do you plan to keep this dog on your property when it is outside?: Fenced Yard: Fenced Run/Pen:

Invisible fence: Shock collar: On a leash: Other:

*Please explain*:

How will you exercise the dog?

Any other activities for the dog? Yes No

Will you enroll the dog in obedience class? Yes No

How will you care for the dog if you have to be away (vacation, work travel, etc.)?

What is you expectation for adjustment for your new dog?

What reasons would you feel are acceptable to give up your new dog?

What would you do if your dog bit someone?­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What are heartworms?

How do you prevent heartworms?

How often do you vaccinate?

How often do you check for parasites?

What are your current vet care costs per year (or anticipated)?

What are your current food and other costs per year (or anticipated)?

What brand of food will you feed? (or anticipated)

**Adopting**

Is there a specific dog you are interested in? Yes No

If yes, who?

What are the reasons?

Do you have a gender preference? Yes No Do you have a coat preference? Yes No

Do you have an age preference? Yes No How long have you been involved with dogs?

List breeds with which you’ve had experience:

What kind of research have you done on the Catahoula or Australian Cattle Dog ?

Why are you interested in the Catahoula or ACD?

Do you have any special training or experience you wish to mention? Yes No

Why do you wish to adopt this dog? (*select all that apply*)

Companion: Gift: Protection: Working: Other:

*Please explain*:

**References**

Veterinarian: Phone number:

Street address:

City/State/Zip:

Name of Reference #1: Phone number:

Street address:

City/State/Zip:

E-mail: Relationship to you:

Name of Reference #2(NON-FAMILY MEMBER):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Street address:

City/State/Zip:

E-mail: Relationship to you:

How did you hear about Catahoula Rescue, Inc.: Have you applied before?:

Additional comments or questions?:

Applicant: I acknowledge that all of the above information is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If any of the information changes, I/we will advise you promptly. I understand that any omission of information requested, or any false or misleading information may result in the rejection of my application and/or may be considered justification for the removal of my adopted pet if discovered at a later date.

 Applicant name (acts as legal signature) and date

We reserve the right in our sole discretion to refuse any application for any reason whatsoever. Catahoula Rescue of New England is under NO obligation to adopt an animal to any individual. Many factors go into determining which applicant will be matched with a particular animal. If you are not chosen for this pet, it does not mean that you are not considered a good pet owner or that your home is not acceptable. Our goal is to place this animal in the home that will best suit its needs. Our adoption process is the same for everyone and it is not our intent to frustrate you. Rather, everything we do is in the best interest of the animals in our care. Our goal is to give them the best possible chance of finding a permanent, safe and loving home. Our adoption policies are based on our experience and the experience of many other rescues.

**Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescue dog!**