



Catahoula Rescue
NEW ENGLAND

Adoption Application

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 assessed.
- **Step 7: Adoption**
 - If all goes well at the "Meet & Greet" and everyone agrees, 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.

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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: _____



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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):



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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): _____



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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 your 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? _____

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) _____



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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 Staffordshire or Pit Bull Mixes ? _____

Why are you interested in the Staffordshire or Pit Bull Mixes? _____

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: _____

Please explain in detail your experience with either the Staffordshire or Pit Bull Mixes (ie. Ownership, Training, etc. be as detailed as possible include dates, locations, names...)



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References

Veterinarian: _____ Phone number: _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Name of Reference #1(Someone that knows about your Dog Experience): _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Name of Reference #2(NON-FAMILY MEMBER): _____

Phone number: _____

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!