

BIG DOGS, BIG HEARTS RESCUE INC.

2370 Elton Road, Bloomfield, NY 14469 – 585-690-3525

ADOPTION APPLICATION

**Big Dogs, Big Hearts Rescue Inc. (“BDBH”) reserves the right to decline any application, based on the information we receive or are given during the approval process, with no explanation to the applicant(s). Information received during the approval process is considered confidential.
Any Application not completed IN FULL will not be processed.**

Date: _____

Applicant/Co-Applicant Personal Information:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name of Spouse/Partner/Significant Other: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City/Town/Village: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address (if different from Street address): _____

Phone Numbers – Day: _____ Evening: _____ Cell: _____

Preferred Method of Contact (home phone, cell, email, other): _____

Email Address: _____

Employer: _____

How Long: _____ Phone: _____

Spouse/Partner/Significant Other’s Employer: _____

How Long: _____ Phone: _____

Breed(s) of Interest:

1. Do you have a specific breed(s) or BDBH dog that you are interested in? _____

2. Do you have any preference as to the sex of your new dog?

Male

Female

No Preference

3. Do you have any preference as to the age of your new dog?

under 6 months

6 months – 1 year

1-2 years

2-6 years

6+ years

No Preference

4. Please tell us why the breed(s) or BDBH dog stated above interests you? _____

5. Are there other breed(s) or BDBH dog that you are also interested in? _____

6. Please tell us what the three (3) most important characteristics that you would like to see in your new dog?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Active | <input type="checkbox"/> Calm | <input type="checkbox"/> Playful | <input type="checkbox"/> Intelligent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loving | <input type="checkbox"/> Protective | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive | <input type="checkbox"/> Dominant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Submissive | <input type="checkbox"/> Shy | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

7. How do you plan to discipline your new dog? _____

8. To facilitate the bonding process, we recommend that every new dog undergo some introductory obedience training. Would a formal obedience training program interest you? Yes / No If no, please explain why not: _____

9. It is important for ANY rescue dog to be well socialized. Are you willing to continue to properly keep your new dog well socialized with people as well as other dogs, and take your new dog to group activities to enhance their social skills? Yes / No

Current Household/Lifestyle:

1. Which of the following best describes your current residence? (Please check only one response):

- I/We own a single home
- I/We rent/lease a single home*
- I/We own a condo/townhouse
- I/We rent/lease a condo/townhouse*
- I/We rent an apartment*

***PLEASE NOTE:** If you rent/lease your place of residence, a copy of your lease and written permission from the landlord will be required before your adoption can be finalized.

2. Do you have a fenced yard?
a. If yes, what type of fence? _____ Height: _____
b. If no, what improvements, if necessary, will you make to secure your yard?

3. If you do not have access to a fenced area at your home how do you plan on exercising your new dog? _____

4. Have you checked your yard for dangerous articles, plants, or anything that your dog could use to climb a fence? Yes / No

5. Do you have a pool? Yes / No

If yes, does your pool meet the current NYS Safety laws? Yes / No

6. Approximately how many hours each day do you anticipate that your new dog will be alone?

- Less than 3 hours
- 3 to 7 hours
- 7 to 9 hours
- 9+ hours

If you answered more than six (6+), what arrangements will you make for the elimination and exercise needs of your new dog on these days? _____

7. How will your dog be confined when left home alone? _____

8. Will your new dog live primarily indoors or outdoors? _____

9. Where will your new dog sleep at night? _____

10. Are you willing to use a crate for your new dog if necessary? Yes / No

11. If you are a single person, do you travel often? Yes / No

If yes, how will you ensure care for the dog: _____

12. How many people, *including yourself*, live in your home _____?

Name	Relationship	Age
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13. Who will have primary responsibility to care for your new dog? _____

14. Does anyone in your family have allergies to dogs? Yes / No

If yes, please explain: _____

15. Have you and your family discussed the pros and cons of owning a rescue dog? Yes / No

16. Is everyone in your family enthusiastic about getting a rescue dog? Yes / No

17. Are you willing to instruct your children and other people that frequent your home on the proper handling and care for your new rescue dog? Yes / No

18. Have you considered the long term commitment of time and financial resources? Yes / No

Current/Prior Pet Ownership:

Please list all current pets. If needed, make extra copies of this page and attach.

1. Name: _____ Type of Pet: _____

Age: _____ Length of time owned: _____ Sex? _____ Spayed/Neutered? Yes / No

If not, please explain: _____

Where is this pet kept? _____

2. Name: _____ Type of Pet: _____

Age: _____ Length of time owned: _____ Sex? _____ Spayed/Neutered? Yes / No

If not, explain: _____

Where is this pet kept? _____

3. Name: _____ Type of Pet: _____

Age: _____ Length of time owned: _____ Sex? _____ Spayed/Neutered? Yes / No

If not, explain: _____

Where is this pet kept? _____

4. Are all your pets current on all vaccinations? Yes / No

5. Are all your animals on heartworm preventative? Yes / No

If yes, what type? _____

If no, why not? _____

6. Have you owned any other pets within the past ten (10) years other than those previously listed?

Yes / No If yes, please list name, breed and sex of each and explain what happened to all previously owned pets and the circumstances (i.e., died from _____, gave away because _____, etc.): _____

7. Do you currently have a veterinarian or is there a veterinarian whom you've used in the past? Yes / No

Please provide the following information, using additional paper if needed:

Name #1: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Length of Time Vet Used: ____ years

Name #2: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Length of Time Vet Used: ____ years

8. If you do not have a veterinarian, would you like a rescue representative to recommend one that is in your area? Yes / No

9. Have you, or any other member of your household, ever been investigated by any animal welfare organization, including the S.P.C.A., Humane Society, etc.? Yes / No (please explain): _____

10. Have you, or any other member of your household, ever been charged with cruelty to animals? Yes / No
(please explain): _____

Personal References:

Please list the name, address, phone numbers and email (if applicable) of three (3) personal references, other than your veterinarian.

1. Name: _____
 - Address: _____
 - City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 - Phone: (____) _____
 - Email address: _____
2. Name: _____
 - Address: _____
 - City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 - Phone: (____) _____
 - Email address: _____
3. Name: _____
 - Address: _____
 - City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 - Phone: (____) _____
 - Email address: _____

Misc. Information:

1. How did you hear about Big Dogs, Big Hearts Rescue Inc.?
 - () Internet/Website(Please specify) _____
 - () Vet (Please specify) _____
 - () Shelter (Please specify) _____
 - () Pet Store (Please specify) _____
 - () Fundraiser(Please specify) _____
 - () Friend (Please specify) _____
 - () Other animal rescue (Please specify) _____
 - () Other (Please specify) _____
2. Would you consider volunteering for Big Dogs, Big Hearts Rescue Inc.?
 - () No
 - () Yes – if so, please specify which you are interested in helping with:
 - () Fostering dogs
 - () Temporary foster care as needed
 - () Transporting dogs
 - () Fundraising
 - () Increasing awareness of Big Dogs, Big Hearts Rescue, Inc.
 - () Interviewing of adopting/fostering candidates
 - () Home checks

- I/We certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct. YES NO
- I/We am/are also financially and physically able to care for a BDBH dog. YES NO
- I/We understand that proper food and veterinary care can be costly and I/we am/are able to meet these requirements. YES NO
- I/We understand that home visits are made prior to and following adoption and that, if upon inspection, BDBH finds the information contained in this application to be false, the application will be denied. YES NO

- I/We agree that BDBD may contact persons/entities including, but not limited to, those listed herein for additional information. YES NO
- I/We understand that completion of this application does not guarantee approval to adopt a BDBH dog. YES NO
- I/We understand the information received by BDBH, during the approval process is confidential and it cannot give details to the applicants if they are denied? YES NO
- I/We further understand that completion of this form is only the first step in the adoption process and that, should you wish to complete this process, an in-home screening will follow? YES NO
- I/We understand that BDBH requests a non-refundable adoption application fee and donation which represents a contribution to defer its expenses both directly and indirectly attributable to the rescue of the dog and other dogs. YES NO
- I/We understand that as a part of the adoption process and before placing any dog, I/we will be asked to sign a contract in which I/we agree to certain conditions, such as, but not limited to:
 1. Allowing a BDBH representative(s) to visit your home after placement of the dog; and
 2. Surrender the dog back to BDBH if I/we violate the contract or are unable to keep the dog *for any reason*.

Are you willing to sign and be bound by such a contract? YES NO

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date : _____

Witness (must be over 21) _____

Date: _____

Co-Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness (must be over 21) _____

Date: _____

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this detailed questionnaire! We will review the information you have provided. Once your references have been successfully checked, you will be scheduled for a Home Visit. This will provide us a chance to meet you and your family and any current pets that reside in your home. All members of the household; children, pets, and otherwise, need to be present for the home visit. It is very important that all members of the home are all on the same page about doing this. In the meantime, please contact your vet and personal references to let them know we will be contacting them, so that they know they have your permission to speak with us.

We are pleased that you have decided to join our “family” and are considering adopting one of our amazing dogs! As always, we are always interested in your comments and suggestions and are open to new viewpoints! For questions/comments, please e-mail Darcy E. Drons at darcydrone@gmail.com

E-MAIL APPLICATION TO: Lheberg3@gmail.com

OR

MAIL APPLICATION TO:
BDBH c/o Application Coordinator Lindsay Heberg
12 Cullens Run, Pittsford, NY 14534

You should hear from BDBH within 48 hours confirming receipt of your application. If you have not heard from us by then, please email Kristin Olejarczyk kristino4485@yahoo.com, to inquire about the status of your application.

Due to the time involved in processing applications please advise us if you have adopted elsewhere, no longer interested in adopting, or would like to withdraw your application as soon as possible. This will allow us to spend our time working on open applications to find homes for our dogs. Thank you!