



# Owner Surrender Dog Profile

A#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male  Female Spayed/Neutered:  Yes  No

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Coloring: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1: Surrender Information: We know that surrendering your pet is an incredibly hard and emotional decision. To help us give your pet the best possible care and find the most suitable new home, we ask that you answer the following questions as completely as you can. Your answers will help us get to know your pet, understand any challenges, and make sure they have the happiest, most successful future possible.**

**Why are you surrendering your pet?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where did you get your dog?**  Shelter/Rescue  Media Ad (Social/Craigslist/Newspaper)  
 Friend/Family  Stray/Found  Breeder  Pet Store  Born at home  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you got your dog from a rescue or breeder, have you contacted the rescue or breeder to see if they can take your dog back?**  Yes, but they are unable  Attempted, but never heard back  No

**If you got your dog from a rescue or breeder, what is the name of the organization and location?**

**How long has your dog lived with you?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why did you get your dog?**  Companionship  Get active  For Children  For another animal  
 Protection  Guarding (livestock/property)  Service work  Compete in sport  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**What activities do you and your dog enjoy most together? (check all that apply)**

Walks  Fetch games (Frisbee/Ball)  Tug Games  Going to the beach  
 Boat rides  Car rides  Training  Cuddling  Watching TV  Camping  
 Hiking  Playing with kids  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you tried to rehome your dog on your own?**  Yes  No

**Who have you tried to rehome your dog to?**  Rescue  Breeder  Family  Friend  
 Neighbor  Social media posting  N/A

**Is temporary housing an option (short term placement with friend or family)?**  Yes  No

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**Section 2: Humans Interactions: Although dogs are naturally social animals, it's important to remember that not all enjoy interacting with everyone. Just like people, some dogs are more introverted and prefer quieter environments with smaller social circles, while others are extroverted and love being the center of attention no matter who it's from. Understanding how your dog responds to children and strangers helps us make the best possible decisions for their comfort, happiness, and overall well-being.**

**Life with children:**

**Has your dog lived with children?**     Yes     No

**What ages of children has your dog lived with? (Check all that apply)**

0-3 years     3-6 years     6-11 years     11-15 years     15 and over

**Did your home have children as visitors on a regular basis?**     Yes     No    If Yes, ages: \_\_\_\_\_

**How does the dog react to rough handling by the children? (grabbing/pulling fur, ears, tail, etc.)**

Enjoys it     Tolerates     Walks away     Yelps     Stiffens/growls     Snaps

**Describe your dog's behavior around children: (check all that apply)**

Never been around children     Friendly/playful     Gentle     Nervous  
 Snappy at times     Avoidant     Watches over children     Indifferent     Too active  
 Unpredictable     Excited     Adores children     Aggressive  
 Too large for small children     Herds/nips/chases     Has bitten a child

**Does your dog allow children to brush, pet and hug it?**     Yes     No     N/A

**Does your dog allow a child to touch his food without reacting?**     Yes     No     N/A

**Does your dog allow a child to touch and hold his toys without reacting?**     Yes     No     N/A

**Would you recommend this dog lives with children?**     Yes     No

**Why or why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Strangers or Guests:**

**When on leash, how does your dog react when strangers approach you? (check all that apply)**

Gets excited     Wags tail     Whines/barks     Pulls toward     Pulls away  
 Ignores     Gets stiff     Tucks tail     Lies down     Urinates  
 Growls     Attempts to nip/bite     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**How does your dog react when a stranger approaches your home? (check all that apply)**

Whines/barks     Paces     Jumps on door/window     Wags tail     Hides  
 Gets excited     Urinates     Tucks tail     Growls     Ignores  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**How does your dog react when a stranger or guest enters your home? (Check all that apply?)**

- Gets excited
- Barks
- Jumps on
- Mouths
- Paws at/scratches
- Wags tail
- Tucks tail
- Backs away
- Ignores
- Runs/hides
- Growls
- Attempts to nip/bite
- Does not allow guests to enter home
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**How does your dog react when an unfamiliar person tries to pet your dog? (Check all that apply)**

- Gets very excited/enjoys
- Leans into calmly/enjoys
- Tolerates petting
- Backs away
- Rolls over
- Urinates
- Gets stiff
- Growls
- Shows teeth
- Snaps
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**How does your dog react when an unfamiliar person tries to take away his toys or bones?**

- Doesn't care
- Tries to take objects back from hand
- Stands over toys/bones
- Growls
- Gets stiff
- Takes toys away to hide them
- Shows teeth
- Snaps/attempts to bite
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**How does your dog react when an unfamiliar person approaches while he's eating? (Check all that apply)**

- Doesn't care
- Eats faster
- Freezes
- Stands over/hovers
- Growls
- Shows teeth
- Snaps at/attempts to bite
- Charges
- Walks away
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Has your dog ever nipped or bit a person?**  Yes  No

**Did the bite require medical attention?**  Yes  No

**What was happening around the dog when the bite occurred?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Husbandry/Veterinary Care:**

**Has your veterinarian or groomer ever told you that your dog is difficult to handle?**  Yes  No

**Has your dog ever required a muzzle at the vet or groomer?**  Yes  No

If "Yes", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**How does the dog respond to the following procedures? (Check all that apply)**

	Tolerates	Freezes	Growls	Snaps/Bites	Unknown
Baths					
Ear Clean					
Nail Trim					
Skin Folds					
Clippers					
Brushing					

**Section 3: Animal Interactions: Because the shelter can be a stressful environment, it's often difficult to see a dog's true personality right away. Understanding how your dog interacts, plays, and lives with other dogs in their familiar environment helps us match their play style with a potential adopter's dog, reducing the risk of conflict during the first few months of adoption. In addition, knowing how your dog behaves around**

**other animals—not just dogs—helps us ensure safe and successful placements, including in more rural settings.**

**Does your dog currently live with any other dogs?**  Large dog(s)  Medium dog(s)  Small dog(s)

**Does your dog like to play with other dogs outside the home?**  Yes  No

If “Yes”, in what setting?:  Dog park  Doggie day care  Family/Friends yard

**Has your dog played successfully at doggie daycare?**  Yes  No  Never been to daycare

**If “Yes,” How would you describe your dog’s play style? (Check all that apply)**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plays chase with little/no body contact  | <input type="checkbox"/> Plays hard with body contact              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Herds/nips others to get them to move  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mirrors other dogs                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to play with larger dogs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to play with smaller dogs         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to play with same size dogs  | <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys play with all dogs                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to play with opposite sex dogs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to play with same sex dogs        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shares toys and plays with other dogs  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hangs out with dogs rather than play      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hangs out with humans rather than play   | <input type="checkbox"/> Has to be in charge of play               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Likes to play with gentle dogs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Can play with more than one dog at a time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barks constantly   | <input type="checkbox"/> Never takes play breaks                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can hang out with more than one dog  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog selective (only likes certain dogs)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not play well with others (runs away, growls, snaps, relentless, overbearing) |  |

**When your dog is playing with a toy, chewing on a bone/bully stick or eating from a bowl and another familiar dog approaches, what happens?**

- Ignores other dog  Shares with other dog  Guards item (growls, stiffens, snaps)

**Which items does your dog become possessive of (guard)?**

- Food bowl  Bones/bully sticks  Toys  Beds/couch  None  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**When your dog is on leash, what does he do when he sees another dog?**

- Ignores  Looks at and barks/whines  Looks at and barks, lunges and pulls toward

**When your dog is on leash, what does he do when he sees a small animal? (cat, squirrel, bird, lizard, etc)**

- Ignores  Looks at and barks/whines  Looks at and barks, lunges and pulls toward

**Has your dog lived peacefully (no fighting or chasing) with any other animals? (Check all that apply)**

- Cat(s)  Reptile(s)  Bird(s)  Livestock  Small mammals (hamsters, rabbits)  
 Dog lives alone

**Has your dog ever bitten another dog resulting in veterinary care or death?**

- No  Yes, Veterinary care  Yes, Death

Has your dog ever bitten another domesticated animal (cat, small animal, livestock) resulting in veterinary care or death?

- No       Yes, Veterinary care       Yes, Death

If "Yes" what type of animal did your dog bite? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 4: Medical: This section is vital for gathering a complete and accurate medical history of the incoming dog. This information is critical for providing immediate and ongoing appropriate veterinary care, ensuring the dog's well-being, and preventing the spread of infectious diseases within the shelter population.**

**Please provide the name and contact information for your veterinarian:**

**When was this dog last seen by a veterinarian?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Has this dog ever required special surgery or medical attention?**  Yes  No **If yes, please explain:**

**Is your dog on any special medication?:**  Yes  No **If yes, what medication(s)?:**

**Has your dog been diagnosed with and/or treated for any of the following?**

- Allergies     Seizures     Urinary Tract Infection     Bladder Stones     Deafness     Tumors  
 Diabetes     Cancer     Thyroid Disease     Organ Failure     Arthritis     Blindness  
 Tick Fever     Valley Fever     Hip Dysplasia     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes to any of the above, please elaborate**

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**Section 5: Dog Specific Behaviors:** Understanding your dog's likes and dislikes, strengths and challenges, and details about their home environment helps us find the best possible match with potential adopters. Just like people, every dog has things they do really well and areas they're still learning to improve. Your honest and open answers will help us create the most effective behavior support plan and help us make the best decisions for your dog.

**How long is the dog usually left alone, without people, during the day?**

- Never     1-3 hours     4-8 hours     9-12 hours     More than 12 hours

**Where is the dog kept when no one is home?**

- Outdoors     Free in home     Confined to a room     Crate

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**What type of training has your dog had?**

- Self trained     Basic obedience     Intermediate obedience     Advanced Obedience  
 Board and Train     Trick training     Sport (agility, nose work)    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**What behavior cues does your dog know?**

- Touch     Watch me     Sit     Down     Stand     Drop it     Leave it  
 Come     Stay     Shake     Speak     Kennel Trained     Loose lead walking

**What do you love most about your dog?**

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**Thinking back over the recent past, please select the most accurate response for the following behaviors.  
(please only select one box per question).**

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Playful, puppyish, boisterous					
Active, energetic, never settles					
Calm, laidback, easygoing					
Barks persistently when alarmed or excited					
Chases cars, motorcycles, joggers, skateboards					
Chases wild animals, birds, cats, livestock					
Escapes yard					
Chews inappropriate objects when people are home					
Chews inappropriate objects when people are not home					
Pulls excessively hard on leash					
Urinating on walls, objects, furniture inside home					
Toilets in the house when people are home					
Follows you from room to room					
Sits close to, or in contact you when you are sitting down					
Is restless, agitated or paces when left alone					
Barks, whines or cries when left alone					
Destroys household items when left alone					
Toilets in home when left alone					
Fearful of thunderstorms or fireworks					
Fearful of sudden loud noises (vacuum, dropped items, etc.)					
Fearful of unfamiliar items (plastic bags, trash bins, decorations)					

—I certify that all information provided in this document is truthful and complete. I attest that I am the owner of (or person responsible for) the animal described above. I give Halifax Humane Society complete authority to determine the appropriate disposition of this animal in what manner they deem appropriate up to and including euthanasia.

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**Owner Signature**

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**Date**

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**Staff Member Completing Admission**

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