



Owner Surrender Dog Profile

A#: _____

Date: _____

Dog's name: _____

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female Spayed or 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, please answer each question as completely as possible.

1.1 Why are you surrendering your pet?

1.2 Where did you get your dog?

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| ☐ Shelter | ☐ Rescue | ☐ Social media ad |
| ☐ Craigslist | ☐ Newspaper | ☐ Friend |
| ☐ Family | ☐ Stray | ☐ Found |
| ☐ Breeder | ☐ Pet store | ☐ Born at home |
| ☐ Other: _____ | | |

1.3 If you got your dog from a rescue or breeder, have you contacted them to see if they can take your dog back?

- ☐ Yes, but they are unable
☐ Attempted, but never heard back
☐ No

1.4 If applicable, what is the name and location of the rescue or breeder?

1.5 How long has your dog lived with you?

1.6 Why did you get your dog?

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|--|---|
| ☐ Companionship | ☐ Get active |
| ☐ For children | ☐ For another animal |
| ☐ Protection | ☐ Guarding livestock |
| ☐ Guarding property | ☐ Service work |
| ☐ Compete in sport | ☐ Other: _____ |

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

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|---|--|
| ☐ Walks | ☐ Fetch games - Frisbee |
| ☐ Fetch games - Ball | ☐ Tug games |
| ☐ Going to the beach | ☐ Boat rides |
| ☐ Car rides | ☐ Training |
| ☐ Cuddling | ☐ Watching TV |
| ☐ Camping | ☐ Hiking |
| ☐ Playing with kids | ☐ Other: _____ |

1.8 Have you tried to rehome your dog on your own?

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

1.9 Who have you tried to rehome your dog to?

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|---|---|
| ☐ Rescue | ☐ Breeder |
| ☐ Family | ☐ Friend |
| ☐ Neighbor | ☐ Social media posting |
| ☐ Not applicable | |

1.10 Is temporary housing an option (short-term placement with a friend or family member)?

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| ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

Section 2: Human Interactions

Dogs vary in how they respond to children, strangers, and handling. This information helps us make decisions that support your dog's comfort, happiness, and well-being.

Life with children

2.1 Has your dog lived with children?

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

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

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

2.3 Did your home have children as regular visitors?

- ☐ Yes - Ages: _____ ☐ No

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

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ☐ Enjoys it | ☐ Tolerates |
| ☐ Walks away | ☐ Yelps |
| ☐ Stiffens | ☐ Growls |
| ☐ Snaps | |

2.5 Describe your dog's behavior around children. (Check all that apply)

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|---|--|
| ☐ Never 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 | |

2.6 Does your dog allow children to brush, pet, and hug it?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

2.7 Does your dog allow a child to touch its food without reacting?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

2.8 Does your dog allow a child to touch and hold its toys without reacting?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

2.9 Would you recommend this dog live with children?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Why or why not?

Strangers or guests

2.10 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

☐ Attempts to bite

☐ Other: _____

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

☐ Whines

☐ Barks

☐ Paces

☐ Jumps on door

☐ Jumps on window

☐ Wags tail

☐ Hides

☐ Gets excited

☐ Urinates

☐ Tucks tail

☐ Growls

☐ Ignores

☐ Other: _____

2.12 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

☐ Attempts to bite

☐ Does not allow guests to enter

☐ Other: _____

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

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ Gets very excited | ☐ Leans in calmly |
| ☐ Enjoys petting | ☐ Tolerates petting |
| ☐ Backs away | ☐ Rolls over |
| ☐ Urinates | ☐ Gets stiff |
| ☐ Growls | ☐ Shows teeth |
| ☐ Snaps | ☐ Other: _____ |

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

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|--|---|
| ☐ Doesn't care | ☐ Tries to take object from hand |
| ☐ Stands over toys | ☐ Stands over bones |
| ☐ Growls | ☐ Gets stiff |
| ☐ Takes toys away to hide | ☐ Shows teeth |
| ☐ Snaps | ☐ Attempts to bite |
| ☐ Other: _____ | |

2.15 How does your dog react when an unfamiliar person approaches while the dog is eating?

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|---|---|
| ☐ Doesn't care | ☐ Eats faster |
| ☐ Freezes | ☐ Stands over food |
| ☐ Hovers over food | ☐ Growls |
| ☐ Shows teeth | ☐ Snaps |
| ☐ Attempts to bite | ☐ Charges |
| ☐ Walks away | ☐ Other: _____ |

2.16 Has your dog ever nipped or bitten a person?

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

2.17 Did the bite require medical attention?

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| ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

2.18 What was happening around the dog when the bite occurred?

Husbandry and Veterinary Care

2.19 Has your veterinarian or groomer ever said your dog is difficult to handle?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.20 Has your dog ever required a muzzle at the veterinarian or groomer?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain:

2.21 How does the dog respond to the following procedures?

Procedure	Tolerate s	Freezes	Growls	Snaps	Bites	Unknown
Baths	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ear clean	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Nail trim	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Skin folds	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Clippers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Brushing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Section 3: Animal Interactions

Understanding how your dog interacts, plays, and lives with other animals helps us make safer, more successful placements.

3.1 Does your dog currently live with other dogs?

☐ Large dog(s)

☐ Medium dog(s)

☐ Small dog(s)

☐ No other dogs

3.2 Does your dog like to play with other dogs outside the home?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Dog park

☐ Doggie daycare

☐ Family's yard

☐ Friend's yard

3.3 Has your dog played successfully at doggie daycare?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Never been to daycare

3.4 If yes, how would you describe your dog's play style? (Check all that apply)

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|---|---|
| ☐ Plays chase with little body contact | ☐ Plays chase with no body contact |
| ☐ Plays hard with body contact | ☐ Herds others to move |
| ☐ Nips others to move | ☐ Mirrors other dogs |
| ☐ Prefers larger dogs | ☐ Prefers smaller dogs |
| ☐ Prefers same-size dogs | ☐ Enjoys play with all dogs |
| ☐ Prefers opposite-sex dogs | ☐ Prefers same-sex dogs |
| ☐ Shares toys and plays | ☐ Hangs out with dogs |
| ☐ Hangs out with humans | ☐ Has to be in charge of play |
| ☐ Likes gentle dogs | ☐ Can play with multiple dogs |
| ☐ Barks constantly | ☐ Never takes play breaks |
| ☐ Can hang out with multiple dogs | ☐ Dog selective |
| ☐ Does not play well with others | |

3.5 When your dog has a toy, bone, bully stick, or food and another familiar dog approaches, what happens?

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

3.6 Which items does your dog guard?

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ Food bowl | ☐ Bones |
| ☐ Bully sticks | ☐ Toys |
| ☐ Beds | ☐ Couch |
| ☐ None | ☐ Other: _____ |

3.7 When your dog is on leash, what happens when another dog is seen?

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|---|--|
| ☐ Ignores | ☐ Looks and barks |
| ☐ Looks and whines | ☐ Barks, lunges, and pulls toward |

3.8 When your dog is on leash, what happens when a small animal is seen?

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|---|--|
| ☐ Ignores | ☐ Looks and barks |
| ☐ Looks and whines | ☐ Barks, lunges, and pulls toward |

3.9 Has your dog lived peacefully (without fighting or chasing) with other animals?

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|--|--|
| ☐ Cats | ☐ Reptiles |
| ☐ Birds | ☐ Livestock |
| ☐ Small mammals | ☐ Dog lives alone |

3.10 Has your dog bitten another dog, resulting in veterinary care or death?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes - Veterinary care
☐ Yes - Death

3.11 Has your dog bitten another domesticated animal, resulting in veterinary care or death?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes - Veterinary care
☐ Yes - Death

3.12 If yes, what type of animal did your dog bite?

Section 4: Medical

A complete medical history supports immediate and ongoing veterinary care and helps prevent the spread of infectious disease within the shelter.

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

4.2 When was this dog last seen by a veterinarian?

4.3 Has this dog required special surgery or medical attention?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

4.4 Is your dog taking any medication?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, list medication(s):

4.5 Has your dog been diagnosed with 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: _____

4.6 If yes to any item above, please elaborate:

Section 5: Dog-Specific Behaviors

Understanding your dog's routine, strengths, and challenges helps us identify an appropriate home and behavior-support plan.

5.1 How long is the dog usually left alone during the day?

☐ Never

☐ 1-3 hours

☐ 4-8 hours

☐ 9-12 hours

☐ More than 12 hours

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

☐ Outdoors

☐ Free in home

☐ Confined to a room

☐ Crate

☐ Other: _____

5.3 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: _____

5.4 What behavior cues does your dog know?

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|--|---|
| ☐ Touch | ☐ Watch me |
| ☐ Sit | ☐ Down |
| ☐ Stand | ☐ Drop it |
| ☐ Leave it | ☐ Come |
| ☐ Stay | ☐ Shake |
| ☐ Speak | ☐ Kennel trained |
| ☐ Loose-leash walking | |

5.5 What do you love most about your dog?

5.6 Thinking about the recent past, select one response for each behavior.

Behavior	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, or skateboards	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Chases wild animals, birds, cats, or livestock	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Escapes yard	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Chews inappropriate objects when people are home	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Chews inappropriate objects when people are away	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pulls excessively hard on leash	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Urinating on walls, objects, or furniture indoors	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Toilets indoors when people are home	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Follows you from room to room	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sits close to or in contact with you	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Restless, agitated, or paces when left alone	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Barks, whines, or cries when left alone	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Destroys household items when left alone	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Toilets indoors when left alone	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fearful of thunderstorms or fireworks	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fearful of sudden loud noises	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fearful of unfamiliar items	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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 authority to determine the appropriate disposition of this animal, up to and including euthanasia.

Owner signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff member completing admission: _____

Clarification Questions & Additional Notes

Dog's name: _____ A#: _____

Use the question reference number (for example, 2.14) to connect each note to the intake form.

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