



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN SAVING A DOG'S LIFE!

Our rescue dogs are from shelters and we know little about their background or history. Although each dog is assessed and we work with them to deal with behavioral issues, we cannot make any guarantees regarding the dog's temperament or behavior. We try very hard to make a good match between adopter and dog and ensure that the dog is a good fit for your family and lifestyle, but it will also take commitment, dedication and work on your behalf to integrate your adopted dog into your family. Sometimes when people think that their dog has a problem, it is really because the people aren't doing the right things, and understanding that is the first step to solving the problem.

We ask that when bringing in new dog, you give the adoption a minimum 7 day trial to allow both you and the dog to adjust to the routine and circumstances in your home including both weekdays and weekends. Many adjustment issues occur after you have spent your weekend fussing over and spoiling your new family member, then when Monday morning comes around and everyone goes back to work or school, the new dog is left to its own devices and experiences stress and separation anxiety.

We also have a detailed application to adopt. The application is not designed to be nosy or invade your privacy, only to ensure that we make the best possible match for you. Some adopters also find the application helpful since it identifies potential issues that they may not have considered. Once you have submitted your application, we will be glad to arrange an appointment for you to meet our dogs.

Most of our dogs are boarded in Ontario California located in San Bernardino County off of the 10, 15 and 60 freeways. Introductions are by appointment only and most are held on Saturdays between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. We ask that if you have another dog or dogs, you bring them to the appointment to have the dogs introduced properly and check to see if the dogs will get along. We also have regularly scheduled adoption events which are posted on our website where you can come and see some of the dogs that are available for adoption.

Because Akitas are a hunting breed by nature, we cannot make any guarantees about how they will react to cats or other small animals. Some Akitas get along well with cats or can be taught to live with cats, however introductions must be completed carefully and an adjustment period must be expected. We have some tips available in the FYI section of our website and we also recommend that you read about the process of integrating cats and dogs. You must be aware of these issues and be willing to work with both animals before we can approve adopting an Akita to a home with cats.

We are an IRS approved non-profit charity and request a tax-deductible donation ranging from \$250-500 for each dog. Although this may seem high, please consider that purchasing an Akita from a breeder may cost anywhere from \$1000-\$3000 dollars. The donation covers medical care, spay and neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchip, and care for the dogs. We rely entirely on donations to continue our rescue work. Since a substantial amount of time and effort is put into the adoption process, the adoption donation is NON-REFUNDABLE after 30 days.

We don't give you this information to scare you or dissuade you from adopting a dog. We just want everyone to have reasonable expectations. We are happy to help you find your new canine companion!

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**AKITA RESCUE**

**ADOPTION APPLICATION & AGREEMENT**

Date

**Personal Information**

Full Name(s)

Address

City/State/Zip

Home Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

Email

Drivers' License # Number

Employer's Name

Employer's phone number

**About the Dog You Wish to Adopt**

Dog's Name

What is your idea of an ideal dog and why?

Desired age:

Desired Size:

Desired Gender:  Spayed Female  Neutered Male  No Preference

Willing to adopt:  dog that needs training  outgoing/hyper dog  dog that needs regular medication  senior dog   
dog that needs grooming  shy dog  special needs dog  dog that must be an "only pet"  dog with a prey drive for  
cats or smaller animals  None of these

**Family Information**

What is the primary reason you want to adopt a dog?

Who will be responsible for the care of the dog?

Who will have financial responsibility for this dog?

Do you or does anyone you live with have an allergy to dogs?  yes  no

Please list all children, with ages, who live in or frequently visit the home:

Child 1:

Child 2:

Child 3:

Child 4:

Have your children been around large dogs? Yes No

I agree to properly supervise my children when they are around the dog. Yes No

I agree not to allow my children to tease, torment, grab, pull on or hit the dog. Yes No

I agree to teach my children to never disturb the dog when it is eating or sleeping. Yes No

Please list name(s), phone number(s), and relationship of all adults who live in the home:

Adult 1:

Adult 2:

Adult 3:

Adult 4:

I have obtained permission from all adults living in the home to have a dog and all agree that the dog will be allowed to enter the house and sleep inside the house. The dog will live inside my home and will not be isolated from the family. Yes No

### Other Pets

Do you have specific experience with large dogs? yes no

What experience do you have with pets?

Are there other pets in the home? How many and what kind?

Pet 1:

Pet 2:

Pet 3:

Pet 4:

Are your current pets spayed or neutered? yes no

If your pets are not spayed or neutered, why not?

Are these pets up to date on vaccines? yes no

Have you every surrendered a pet? If so, why?

Have you ever had a pet euthanized? If so, why?

Have you ever lost a pet to an accident? What were the circumstances?

How do you discipline your pets and why?

Do you have time to provide adequate love and attention to a pet?

### Environment Information

Do you own rent

Type of dwelling: house condo apt. other

If you rent, how may we contact your landlord to confirm that you are allowed to have a dog?

Landlord's name

Phone

(By providing this information you are allowing APFPRI to contact your landlord. Please inform them of this call so they will speak with us)

Please describe your household: Active Noisy Quiet Average

Is your neighborhood/complex dog friendly? yes no

Do you have a yard? yes no

Size of yard?

Is your yard fenced? yes no Fence height & material?

Gate(s) securely locked? yes no

Pool? yes no Is your pool separately fenced? ( ) yes ( ) no

If you do not have a yard, where will the dog go to the bathroom?

When the dog goes out, how do you plan to supervise it?

Where will the dog stay during the day?

Please describe where the dog will sleep at night:

Where will the dog stay when you are not home?

Hours per day will the pet be alone:

Do you have a crate? yes no

What is the maximum amount of time you would leave the dog in the crate?

What will you do to shelter the dog in the event of severe weather conditions (extreme hot or cold, rain, snow, thunderstorm)?

I agree to provide a safe and enclosed environment for my dog and that the dog will not be left tethered or chained to a stationary object while unsupervised or for more than a short time

yes no

**WE DO NOT ALLOW OUR DOGS TO BE KEPT EXCLUSIVELY OUTDOORS!**

Are you willing to let a representative of APFPRI visit your home by appointment? Yes No

What do you do with your dog when you go on vacation?

Who will care for this animal in your absence and how can they be contacted?

I agree to never transport the dog in the open bed of a pickup truck. yes no

I agree to never leave my dog enclosed in a motor vehicle parked in direct sunlight or on a hot day. yes no

**Commitment and Responsibility**

Your dog may live 15 years or more. Are you committed to providing a responsible home for your pet's entire life? yes no

How much time are you prepared to allow for your new pet to adjust to your home?

How many times a day will you walk your dog?

Have you ever housebroken a dog? yes no

What do you feel is the best way to discipline a dog?

I am willing to consult a dog trainer, behaviorist or other professional in the event my dog has behavioral issues

Yes No

Describe what you would do if your dog develops a problem with:

Housebreaking:

Digging:

Barking:

Chewing:

Separation Anxiety:

Escaping/Running Away:

Aggression:

Under what circumstances would you not keep a dog?

Under what circumstances would you euthanize a dog?

What will happen to this pet if you move?

If you are injured or have a serious illness, who will care for the dog?

I will not have the dog attack-trained, nor will I use it for any purpose other than companionship and I agree never to use the Dog for dog fighting. I will never allow any physical, mental, or emotional abuse of the dog Yes No

Do you agree to contact APFPRI if you can no longer keep this dog? Yes No

If for any reason you are required to rehome your dog, do you agree to work with APFPRI and make proper arrangements and efforts to find your dog a new home? yes no

### References

Please list someone who is familiar with both you and your other pets, if any.

Reference 1

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Relationship (relative, neighbor, friend, etc.):

Reference 2

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Relationship (relative, neighbor, friend, etc.):

### Medical Information

Veterinary Clinic/Doctor's Name:

Vet Address:

Vet Phone Number:

I understand that Akitas can be susceptible to a medical condition known as gastric torsion or bloat. I agree to avoid feeding my Akita foods containing wheat, corn or gluten. I understand that high quality dog foods are not widely available in the supermarket or grocery store and that these foods may be more expensive. yes no

I agree to provide regular health care by a Licensed Veterinarian: yes no

Are you able to afford bills for emergency veterinary care? yes no

### Acknowledgements:

*This is a binding agreement between A Passion For Paws Rescue, Inc., otherwise known as APFPRI and adopter(s).*

*I agree to care for this pet for its entire lifetime. Should I be unable to keep this pet, I will not give it to any person, group or shelter nor will I euthanize it without first contacting APFPRI for approval and/or I will return of the animal to APFPRI to be re-homed. I understand that I may be responsible for paying a relinquishment fee or arranging transport to return the dog to APFPRI*

*I understand that proper food, shelter and veterinary care will be costly and am able to meet these requirements. I*

*understand that I will be responsible for any of my dog's health problems and any veterinary care and expenses that may arise.*

*If the dog I am adopting is not spayed or neutered, I agree to have the dog altered and provide proof of alteration to APFPRI. I understand that I will be required to sign an additional agreement to spay or neuter and provide a refundable deposit for spay or neuter surgery.*

*I understand that certain breeds of dogs may be subject to restrictions under the terms of my homeowners' or renters insurance policy or applicable laws and rules in my area. I am aware of any said restrictions and fully accept any responsibility for compliance with these.*

*I agree to release, hold harmless and forever discharge A PFPRI from liability due to any failure on my behalf to comply with any laws, rules or regulations related to dog ownership in my area, including but not limited to leash laws, laws regarding stray animals, laws regarding licensing, laws regarding number of animals, and laws regarding dangerous dogs.*

*I understand that previous temperament is not always an indication of future temperament. I agree to release, hold harmless and forever discharge A PFPRI from liability should this dog cause injury or damage to any person including myself. I agree to release, hold harmless and forever discharge APFPRI from liability and responsibility should this dog damage my own property or the property of others in the future. I take full responsibility for the care of this pet and any damage or injury that he/she may cause or illness that he/she may encounter.*

*I agree to inform APFPRI of all address changes and provide updated contact information including phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses.*

*I understand that in most cases a home check may be mandatory prior to adoption, and I agree to a home check now and/or in the future.*

*I understand that any false statements constitute grounds for confiscation and surrender of the animal to APFPRI. I further understand and agree that APFPRI may demand return of the animal for any violation of the terms of this adoption application and contract. I certify that the information that I have provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

*I have read and understand all of the acknowledgements listed above.*

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name(s):

Date:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Agent A Passion For Paws Rescue, Inc.

Printed Name:

Date:

**A Passion For Paws Rescue, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit group that charges an adoption fee of \$250-400. This adoption fee allows us to continue with our rescue efforts and will be non-refundable after 30 days. The adoption fee may be considered a tax deductible charitable donation, however please refer to applicable IRS guidelines. All dogs will be neutered/spayed, vaccinated and possibly micro-chipped before the adoption process is completed.**

**Please understand that our main concern is the welfare of the animal(s) and our goal is to place each dog in the best possible home. Pet ownership is a serious responsibility, and we ask you to make a lifetime commitment to the dog.**

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