



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY  
HUMANE SOCIETY

DAWG Dog Adoption  
& Welfare Group

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

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Thank you for your interest in adopting. Applications are approved according to the best match for both the animal and the family on a first come, first serve basis. If the animal has a pending application, you may fill out a back-up application. Please allow one full week for us to review your application and contact you. After an adoption counselor reviews your application, and your application has been approved, we will contact you to set up an adoption appointment. Must be at least 18 years to apply. Please thoroughly check your application before submitting it, if you miss an answer, your application may be automatically denied.

## NEXT STEPS

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1. Please fill out your application and email it back to us at [info@syvhumane.org](mailto:info@syvhumane.org) for review. Please include 5-10 photos of your home and where your new dog will be staying including photos of your backyard.
2. If you rent, we verify with your landlord that you may have an animal and if there are any restrictions.
3. Once approved, everyone residing in your household will need to meet your new potential companion.
4. If you own another dog, a dog introduction aka "Meet & Greet" will be scheduled at our facility.

## Adoption Application

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Where did you see the dog up for adoption? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog of Interest (1<sup>st</sup> Choice): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog of Interest (2<sup>nd</sup> Choice): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Since(mo/yr): \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Since(mo/yr): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any preferences: *Mark all that apply:*

<b>Sex:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> No preference	
<b>Age:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Puppy (under 1yr)	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (1-2 yr)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult (3-7yr)	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (> 7yr)
<b>Size:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Small (under 20lbs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium (21-50lbs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Large (51-75lbs)	<input type="checkbox"/> XL (over 75lbs)
<b>Good with:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Cats	<input type="checkbox"/> Strangers	<input type="checkbox"/> Children
<b>Activity Level:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Active (running, hiking)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Active	<input type="checkbox"/> Slightly Active	<input type="checkbox"/> Couch Potato
<b>Other Must Have Qualities:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Walks well on leash	<input type="checkbox"/> Calm dog for quiet house	<input type="checkbox"/> Lapdog	<input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't shed a lot
	<input type="checkbox"/> Can be alone during working hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Lives primarily indoor	<input type="checkbox"/> Lives primarily outdoor	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs
	<input type="checkbox"/> Barks when someone's at the door	<input type="checkbox"/> Likes to be bathed & groomed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hypoallergenic	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

- Do you understand that it can take anywhere from 3 weeks to 3 months for a newly adopted shelter dog to fully acclimate to their new environment?  Yes  No
- Are you willing to permit a pre-home visit and/or follow up adoption visits (if applicable)?  Yes  No
- Have you ever rehomed, relinquished, surrendered, or returned an animal?  Yes  No  
If yes, When? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, Why? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever had an application declined for adoption of an animal?  Yes  No  
If yes, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOUSEHOLD

- For whom are you adopting the dog?  Self/Family  Gift for \_\_\_\_\_  Other family member
- What is your household activity level?  Quiet/Serene  Some Activity  Very Active
- How would you describe the amount and type of visitors or guests at your residence?  
 Few Visitors/ Guests  Many Visitors/Guests  Adult Visitors/ Guests  Child Visitors/Guests  
 Teenage Visitors/Guests  Workers Gardeners, Pool Cleaners, Etc.
- What is your experience with dogs?  This will be my first dog  I have/had dogs  
If this is your first dog, what research have you done in preparation? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Have you had experience owning the breed dog you are applying for?  Yes  No

10. Place of residence:  House  Townhome  Duplex  Condo  Apartment  Mobile Home  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

- a. How long have you lived at your current residence? \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Do you  Own  Rent  
 c. If you rent, do you have the landlord's permission to have this dog?  Yes  No  
 Please provide landlord's Name and Phone Number.

Landlord/Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

- i. If yes, Is there a pet deposit?  Yes  No  
 ii. Have you already paid your deposit?  Yes  No  No Deposit  
 iii. What type of pets are allowed? \_\_\_\_\_  
 iv. Are there any breed or size restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

11. List **all** people living at your residence:

Name	Age	Relationship
		SELF

- a. Do you have permission from everyone in the household to adopt this dog?  Yes  No  
 b. Does any member of your household have any allergies to animals?  Yes  No  
 If yes, how will that be addressed? \_\_\_\_\_

12. How many pets do you *currently* own? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please briefly describe all dogs/cats:

Name	Age	Breed	Sex	Fixed?	Behavioral and/or Medical

Do you have other animals?  Fish  Horses  Livestock  Other \_\_\_\_\_

13. List all pets which you have owned in the past 10 years: (Do not list animals mentioned in #7)

Name	Breed	Age	Behavioral and/or Medical Concerns	What happened to this pet?

14. Do you have a dog door?  Yes  No

15. Do you have a fenced yard?  Yes  No If yes, what type of fence? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Height of fence? \_\_\_ft Height of gate: \_\_\_ft
16. How much property do you own? \_\_\_\_\_ Acres  
 a. Is it all fenced in?  Yes  No If no, how much is fenced in? \_\_\_\_\_ Acres
17. While you are *away*, where will the dog be kept?  
 Fenced Yard  House Crate/Pen Wherever it wants  Other \_\_\_\_\_
18. While you are *home*, where will the dog be kept?  
 Fenced Yard  House Crate/Pen Wherever it wants  With me  Other \_\_\_\_\_
19. How many hours will the dog/cat be left unattended on a workaday? \_\_\_\_\_ hours
20. Where will this dog sleep at night?  In the house Wherever it wants Outside  Fenced Yard  
Crate/Pen  With me Other \_\_\_\_\_
21. Where will this dog spend most of its time?  In the house Wherever it wants Outside  Fenced  
 Yard Crate/Pen  With me Other \_\_\_\_\_
22. What will be your daily exercise regime/plan for this dog? Hiking, Biking, Swimming & Adventures  
Daily walks of at least 30mins Multiple walks daily Fetch/play time of at least 30 mins Yard  
 time Other: \_\_\_\_\_
23. Are you currently working from home due to COVID-19?  Yes  No  
 a. If yes, do you plan on keeping the dog when you return to work?  Yes  No

### Care

24. Have you considered the extra expenses that will come with having a dog including vet care, food,  
 supplies and equipment, toys, training, and boarding?  Yes  No
25. How much do you plan on spending per year to care for this dog? \_\_\_\_\_
26. Who will be responsible caring for the dog? Such as, caring for the dog, taking the dog outside, feeding  
 the dog? Self Spouse Whole Family Other family member \_\_\_\_\_
27. How often do you travel (pre-covid)? \_\_\_\_\_ per year
28. Who will take care of the dog when you travel?  Dog-sitter  Neighbor  Friend  Boarding  
 facility  Other family member \_\_\_\_\_
29. Who will take care of the dog if something happens to primary caregiver?  Spouse  Neighbor  
 Friend  Return to shelter  Other family member \_\_\_\_\_
30. If you are adopting with a partner or a spouse, who will get custody if there is a breakup or divorce?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
31. List your current primary full-service veterinarian or the one you intend to use for your new dog.

**\*DO NOT LEAVE BLANK\***

Hospital Name	Vet Name	City	Phone Number

32. In case of an emergency, who will care for this dog?

- a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

### Training and Discipline

*We cannot guarantee that any of our shelter pets are house-trained and may have accidents while they are getting used to your home and routine.*

33. Are you willing to take the time to housebreak a dog?  Yes  No, I want the dog I adopt to be housetrained

34. Do you understand that changing an animal's environment (like adopting them into a new home or even moving) may cause them to have accidents?  Yes  No

35. Will you take basic obedience and/or behavioral training if needed?  Yes  No

36. If a behavioral problem arises, what steps will you take to work on it?

37. How will you discipline this dog?

38. What would you do if the dog were destructive? (Chewing, barking, digging, etc.)

39. What do you feel is aggressive behavior?

40. What is the name of the trainer/facility you would contact for assistance?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm not sure and I would ask SYVHS and D.A.W.G for recommendations

### Additional Questions

41. Are you or your spouse with the military?  Yes  No?

a. Do you plan on taking the dog with you if you move (even if overseas)?  Yes  No

If no, please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

42. Do you understand the leash and license laws?  Yes  No

43. Do you plan on getting your dog licensed at time of adoption if you live in SB County?  Yes  No

a. If no, please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

b. What county do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

44. Would you like to add any additional information about yourself/family? (HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!)

45. For some animals, references may help us decide if you are the right fit for the animal:

Name	Phone Number	Relationship

46. Which of the following reasons might prompt you to return or rehome your dog? Mark all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Moving to New Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Problems(Dog or Family)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive with other pets
<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot find residence that allows dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive with people
<input type="checkbox"/> Landlord revokes permission to have dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog is escape artist	<input type="checkbox"/> Biting/Aggression
<input type="checkbox"/> New Job	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog requires more exercise than you can provide	<input type="checkbox"/> Not enough time for dog
<input type="checkbox"/> New Baby	<input type="checkbox"/> Death of Family Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/ Break up
<input type="checkbox"/> New Spouse/Partner doesn't like the dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Pressure to give up dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog is not dog-social
<input type="checkbox"/> Breed specific reasons	<input type="checkbox"/> None of these reasons	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog doesn't listen off leash	<input type="checkbox"/> I would NEVER give up my dog	_____

If you selected any of the return answers above, please explain:

Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society in partnership with Dog Adoption & Welfare Group does not place animals on holds for any reason. I have read the above information carefully and have filled out this application honestly. I understand that omission of information and/or failure to answer all questions and sign the application can result in this application being declined. Also, if an omission or untruth is discovered after an adoption takes place, I understand that the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society and D.A.W.G reserves the right to annul the adoption and reclaim the animal. I give SYVHS/DAWG permission to fully investigate the information provided as well as contact veterinarians and related officials. In addition, I understand the adoption decision is dependent on many factors. I understand that that the SYVHS/DAWG will select the most appropriate applicant based on the best match for the animal. SYVHS/DAWG does not discriminate based on race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, height, weight, physical or mental ability, veteran status, and marital status. I agree that the decision that has been made is in the animal's best interest and I will not dispute the selection process. Our selections are made on the best applicant for each animal.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co- Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_