



Porter County Animal Control & Adoption Center

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“We are their shelter, you are their future.”

Adoption Application

THIS SECTION FOR PCAS STAFF	
Animal ID _____	Animal Name _____
Background Check _____	Date _____
Comments _____	

Name _____ D.O.B. _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ County _____

Drivers License # _____ State Issued _____

Telephone # _____ Alternate # _____

Email Address _____

How did you hear about us? Friend Radio Newspaper

Other _____

Thank you for your interest in adopting a homeless pet. The questions below are intended to match you and a pet together happily. Please answer all the questions truthfully. You will not be rejected solely on the answers to the questions. Our pets here at the Porter County Animal Control and Adoption Center thank you for your consideration.

- 1. What type of residence do you live in (house, apartment, etc.)?**

- 2. Do you own, rent or lease the residence you live in?**

- 3. Who are you adopting this for? If not yourself, why are you adopting for this person?**

- 4. Do you have any children? If so, what ages?**

- 4.a Do any of your children have allergies?**

- 4.b Have your children been exposed to animal/pets before?**

- 5. Do you or anyone currently living in your home have allergies?**

- 6. Do you presently have pets? If so, what kind?**

- 7. Are the pets you currently own spayed or neutered?**

- 8. Do you have a veterinarian? If so, who?**

- 9. Do you understand that animals need to be seen by a vet every year?**

10. Do you have the financial means to provide for an animal & how?

11. Have you recently had to surrender a pet to a shelter or euthanize a pet for a non-medical reason? If so, what was the reason?

12. Do your current animal stay indoors or outdoors?

13. Do you plan on keeping this pet mostly outside? If so, what will you use for shelter?

14. Do you have a fenced-in yard?

15. If not, how will you confine this pet on your property?

16. On a scale of 1–3, what are the top three qualities you are looking for in a pet?

1 = Not Important 2 = Somewhat Important 3 = Most Important

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| _____ Loyal | _____ Obedient | _____ Aggressive |
| _____ Loving | _____ Protective | _____ Playful |
| _____ Intimidating | _____ Timid | _____ Quiet |

17. Have you ever been charged or convicted of a domestic violence crime? If so, please note date of conviction.

18. Have you ever been convicted of abuse and/or neglect of an animal? If so, please note date of conviction.

19. Are you currently or have you ever been placed on a “DO NOT ADOPT” list by an animal shelter or rescue group? If so, please note date placed on the list and why.

Please share any comments you may have regarding your personal application.

INFORMATION TO BE FILLED OUT BY RENTERS/LEASERS
1. Name of Landlord _____
2. Landlord’s Phone Number _____
3. Do you currently have permission from your landlord to own the pet you are interested in adopting? _____

Please note that the Porter County Animal Control and Adoption Center does not approve of animals being adopted for outside living if they are not appropriate for outside elements, i.e. Breed and length of hair/fur. We will not necessarily deny your application if you wish to adopt a dog for outdoor living, however you must be able to provide an adequate yard and proper shelter for warm **AND** cold climates. We do have some dogs that will thrive outdoors do to their breed or personalities, but will not allow most of our dogs to be kept outside **consistently**, regardless of the living conditions.

We stress the importance that outdoor living dogs require the same time, devotion, and attention all dogs deserve, including proper flea/tick pest control and heartworm preventive medication. We will under **NO** circumstances adopt an animal to anyone planning on, **OR** eventually subjecting a dog to a chained life. If at any time after adoption you can no longer obligate your attention to an animal, we demand the animal be returned. We believe that many of the dogs that come through shelters have been subject to difficult transitions, abuse and neglect throughout their lives, and deserve a warm heart and a warm bed. If we find that the dog is being tethered, **we retain the right to retrieve the dog!** Porter County Animal Control officers do random post-adoption wellness checks.

Please note that the Porter County Animal Control and Adoption Center **does not adopt** “bully breed” dogs to the following areas: Gary, Merriville, Hammond, East Chicago or Whiting, Indiana. These areas have proven inhospitable for ALL animals due to a high amount of neglect and abuse cases, but significantly toward “bully breed” dogs. “Bully breed” dogs include Pit bulls, Rottweilers, Chow Chows, Akitas, Bulldog breeds, Boxers, Dobermans, and mixes of those breeds. We will also disapprove any other non-local areas not listed that have been detrimental for “bully breeds.”

Please note that the Porter County Animal Control and Adoption Center will no longer adopt to Whispering Sands Mobile Home Park due to high volumes of neglect and animal control pick-ups.

Lake County or unincorporated Lake County residents: You must register your dog at the Lake County Animal Control in Crown Point, Indiana. If you adopt a pit bull and live in certain jurisdictions in Lake County, you must obtain an insurance policy for \$500,000. Any home owner’s insurance company will be able to accommodate you. If you rent, your landlord may have restrictions or not the proper insurance as well.

Adoption Pledge

I pledge to commit to this animal. I will provide food, water, shelter, patience, love and veterinary care for my new friend. If at any time I encounter problems beyond my scope of knowledge, I will seek the resources to help my new friend to thrive. I understand that adopting is a life-long commitment. I pledge to include my friend in all my future plans appropriately: this includes moving/relocating. I also pledge that I will contact the Porter County Animal Control and Adoption Center before I give up on my friend.

Signature _____ Date _____