



MIDWEST AKITA RESCUE SOCIETY

APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. After reading the Information package, you are welcome to fill out and submit this application by mail to Deanna O'Brien, Midwest Akita Rescue Society, 6538 North Nordica, Chicago, IL 60631, or by email to Dobrienmars@gmail.com.
2. Please realize that many of our dogs came to us because they were mismatched with their former owners' personalities, facilities, and/or lifestyles. For the sake of both the dog and you, we need the following information. If you would like to add more information that you feel would help us find the best dog for you, please do so on a separate sheet of paper.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant _____ Driver's License # _____

Co-Applicant _____ Driver's License # _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Email Address _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Applicant:

Employer _____ Occupation _____ Yrs _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

If less than one year, name and address of previous employer _____

Co-Applicant:

Employer _____ Occupation _____ Yrs _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

How many people are in your household? _____

What relationship are they to you? _____

If there are any children, what are their ages and sex? _____

NOTE: Due to the sheer size of the Akita breed, it is a MARS policy that we only adopt orphans to homes with children age 10 and older.

Who is home during the day? _____ Do you operate a home day care? _____

What are your work hours? _____ Co-Applicant _____

If you currently have animals, what kind (please list)? _____

What age(s)? _____ Sex(s)? _____ Neutered/Spayed? _____

If not neutered/spayed, why not? _____

NOTE: It is a policy of MARS that all household pets must be altered prior to the placement of a MARS orphan

If there are no children and/or other animals living in your home, are there foreseeable times when the Akita will have to spend visiting time with children or other animals? _____

Please Explain _____

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HOME

Do you own your home? _____ If renting, does your lease permit large dogs? (copy required) _____

How long have you lived there? _____ If less than two years, give previous address:

Do you plan on moving soon? If so, where and when? _____

What is your lot size? _____ Is it fenced? _____ How high? _____

What kind of fencing material? _____

NOTE: We do not adopt Akitas out to homes with any form of electronic/radio fencing

If NO fence, are you willing to provide a fenced area or kennel with a top? _____ By when? _____

If you are not permitted to build a fence, what type of leash walking regime will you implement for this Akita? _____

Keeping in mind the yearly costs of maintaining a large breed dog on high quality food, heartworm preventative, flea and tick preventative, vaccinations, parasite and heartworm checks along with possible emergency care that may occur during your Akita's life, how much are you able to budget yearly towards the ownership and care of this dog? _____

AKITA ACCOMMODATIONS

Where will the dog be during the day? _____ At night? _____

When you are away overnight (boarding, house sitter, etc.)? _____

How do you plan to confine the dog when you are away from your home daily? _____

Will there ever be a time when the Akita will be left outdoors when no one is home? _____

Please Explain _____

All MARS orphans are crate trained, do you own a crate? _____

What type (airline/plastic OR metal/wire mesh)? _____

Do you need assistance in acquiring a crate? _____

Are there any unusual circumstances to which the Akita will have to adapt? _____

Please Explain _____

How long do you believe it will take for this new Akita to adapt to your lifestyle including when you are away from your home? _____

Are there any canine behaviors you are not willing to tolerate? _____

Please Explain _____

YOUR PERSONAL FEELINGS ABOUT AKITA OWNERSHIP

Why do you want an Akita? _____

What are the negative aspects of Akita ownership (health & temperament): _____

What do you feel are disadvantages to pet ownership? _____

How can these disadvantages be managed in order to preserve the human-canine bond? _____

What do you feel are advantages to pet ownership? _____

Other comments _____

PREVIOUS OWNERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Have you owned a large dog before? _____ Breed(s) _____

What happened to it? _____

Have you ever taken a dog through pet training class? _____ Where? _____

When? _____ How many levels? _____

Please describe the type of training that was utilized at the class you attended _____

What skills were taught? _____

Did you agree with the training methods utilized at the training class? _____

Please Explain _____

What type of equipment/collars were used and recommended? _____

If you have never taken a dog through pet training class, are you willing to? _____

Since Akitas DO NOT respond well to harsh corrections in training, are you willing to utilize positive reinforcement/behavior modification techniques and avoid using punishment or aversive methods in order to train your MARS Rescue Akita? _____

Do you need assistance in finding a positive reinforcement pet trainer in your area? _____

NOTE: For those adopting an orphan that live in the Chicagoland or Central IL region, you will receive a certificate for their first one-hour session with one of our recommended trainers for free.

REFERENCES

Veterinarian

What Veterinary Clinic do you plan on taking the Akita to? _____

Dr. Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ City, ST _____

Is this your current Veterinarian? _____

If you don't have a vet, do you need assistance in finding one that is familiar with Akitas? _____

Personal

Two (2) local individuals (not related and in addition to a veterinary reference) who knows or has known your other animals (if possible, one of which is a neighbor):

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

May we check your references to verify the information that you have provided? _____

May we visit your home? _____ When is a good time to visit? _____

REFERENCES (cont)

Have you ever submitted an application to any other animal rescue, if so what Rescue and did they conduct a home check? _____

Have you ever been charged with and/or convicted of any charge related to spousal, child, or animal abuse? _____ If so, explain _____

Has anyone in your household ever been charged with and/or convicted of any charge related to spousal, child, or animal abuse? _____ If so, explain _____

PREFERENCES

Remembering that same sex Akitas rarely co-exist peacefully, it is a MARS policy that we only place orphans in homes where the resident dog is of the opposite sex of the new MARS orphan, and that the majority of Rescue dogs are young adults, what sex and general age category do you have in mind to adopt? _____ Would you consider a long-coat? _____

Are you interested in any of our current rescues? _____

CONDITIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Initials

Have you obtained and read the Akita Owners Rescue Foundation MARS Information Packet? *NOTE: ALL applicants must read this entire packet prior to submitting an application with MARS* _____

Do you understand the nature of responsible Akita ownership and the commitment required? _____

Are you aware of all the potential negative health and temperament aspects of the breed? _____

Do you understand that there is a NON-NEGOTIABLE adoption donation of \$400.00 for a MARS orphan (\$600 for a bonded pair)? One half of this donation is refundable any time during the initial 4 week adjustment period upon return of the Akita, but at no time thereafter. Or we will assist you in selecting another Akita. _____

Do you understand that any unaltered MARS puppy has an adoption fee of \$500 with \$100 returned upon proof of spay/neuter by one year? _____

Due to the nature of purebred breed rescue, do you understand that MARS can offer no definitive proof of the lineage of our orphans except in cases in which AKC registration papers have been relinquished with the orphan? _____

Do you understand that any misrepresentation of yourself or any untruths in the information which you have provided herein that are discovered at a later date will invalidate any adoption agreement and will give MARS, a chapter of AORF the right to reclaim the Akita? _____

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Print Name _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Co-Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Print Name _____ **Date** _____

For MARS purposes only:

References verified by _____ Date _____

Home check by _____ Date _____