

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: APPROVED DENIED DOG APPLICATION

ID#: _____ ANIMAL'S NAME: _____ DATE APPLIED: _____

GENDER: _____ BREED: _____ AGE: _____ DATE ADOPTED: _____

COPPER COUNTRY HUMANE SOCIETY

DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

ADOPTION POLICIES

In order to adopt an animal from the CCHS, these policies must be followed. Please read and understand the following policies before filling out this application:

1. In order for us to process your application, this application must be filled out **completely**.
2. For approval of your application, the adoption must be in the best interest of *both* the person(s) adopting, and the animal.
3. Your completed application **could take 2+ days to process**.
4. **False or omitted information** will deny your application.
5. If you are applying for an animal that has **not yet been spayed/neutered**, the animal *must* be spayed/neutered *before* being adopted from the facility.
6. You must be **at least 18 years of age** to adopt an animal. (Present valid ID)
7. All currently owned dogs **must** be current on rabies vaccinations. This is *Michigan State Law*.
8. If you **rent** your home, we need to verify your landlord's consent to allow animals to live on the property.
9. In order to adopt this animal everyone in the household must meet the animal prior to adoption.
10. The Copper Country Humane Society may **deny your application** if, in our judgment, it is not the best home for the animal.
11. If we leave a message concerning your application or if you do not hear from us within 3 days, *please call us*. If we do not hear from you, **your application may be canceled**.
12. **Indicate by your signature** on the last page that you agree to all the requirements and conditions stated in the adoption agreement (on the last page).

PLEASE PRINT ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS CLEARLY

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

1. Are you a student? _____ If yes:
What school? _____ When do you graduate? _____
Please explain your living arrangements: _____

Landlord's name: _____ Phone: _____

Are you living in the same place next year? _____

If not, new landlord name and number: _____

Address of new location: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

List any roommates that you will be living with next year:

_____ Do any of them have allergies? _____ How severe? _____

What are your living plans for the summer or when you are not taking classes?

_____ Are you willing to make sure that you will find housing that allows you to take your dog with you after you move/graduate? _____

SKIP TO QUESTION #10

2. Are you or anyone living with you active military? _____

Will you or he/she be relocating soon? _____

If yes, do you have plans for the care of the cat? _____

3. Please list all the people living in your home and their relationship to you:

4. Are there children (under 18 years old) in the home? _____

Ages: _____

5. Where do you live?

Single home Duplex Mobile Home Apartment Military Housing Other

(please explain) _____

6. Do you rent or own? _____

If rent, Landlord's name and number: _____

7. How long have you lived at your present address? _____

8. Are you planning to move within the near future? _____

If you move, will your pets go with you? _____

9. Does anyone in the home have allergies to any animals? _____ Type of animal _____

How severe? _____

10. Have you adopted from the CCHS before? _____ When? _____

Do you still own this pet? _____

If not, what happened to him/her? _____

11. Have you ever taken an animal to a shelter? _____

Explain: _____

12. Have you had a dog die of distemper, parvo, or unknown causes? _____

PET HISTORY

15. List all pets you currently own or have owned in the past 10 years. Please include current roommate's pets.

Owner (you, parents, roommates?)	Name	Cat/Dog – Breed?	M/F	Spayed/ Neutered?	Age	# Years Owned	In current house?	Indoor/ Outdoor	Alive or Deceased?

16. REFERENCES - Please list the following references (MUST be complete!)

1. **Relative**

(please circle one - mother/father/brother/sister):

Phone: _____

2. **Friend** (cannot be a relative, significant other, or roommate):

Phone: _____

3. **Neighbor:** (if you do not know your neighbors, please put another friend)

Phone: _____

17. List your veterinarian's name and number: _____

Date of last visit: _____ Reason: _____

18. Will this be your first experience owning a dog? _____ Your child's _____

If applicable, will you still want the dog when your children are grown? _____

19. What is your main reason for adopting a dog?

20. Are you familiar with crate training? _____ Obedience training? _____

21. Where will the dog be during the day? _____ During the night? _____
When no one is home? _____

22. How long will the dog be left alone each day? _____

23. Will this be an indoor dog or an outdoor dog? _____

24. How will you exercise the dog? _____

Do you have access to a yard? _____ Is it fenced or open? _____

If you don't have a fenced-in yard, how will you contain the dog when he/she is outside?

25. What type of shelter will be provided for the dog when he/she is left outside?

26. Are you aware of the Michigan leash and licensing laws? _____

27. How do you plan to train your dog the rules of the house?

28. Are you familiar with the annual vaccinations needed for your pet? _____

29. Are you prepared for the extra costs of owning an animal? (food, boarding, grooming, emergency care) _____

30. How will you protect your pet from being lost or stolen?

31. Are you familiar with the Animal control laws in your area? _____

32. Have you ever received financial assistance from the CCHS in the past? _____

If yes, what kind? _____

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! -
INITIAL, SIGN, AND DATE WHERE INDICATED.
THIS IS A LEGAL AND BINDING CONTRACT

- ⑩ I agree to provide proper food, water, adequate shelter, kind and humane treatment to this and all pets at all times. An animal will not live its life on a chain or outdoors. _____ (Initial)
- ⑩ I agree to take this animal to a veterinarian for examinations and immunizations as needed and to procure immediate veterinary care should the animal become injured or ill. _____ (Initial)
- ⑩ I agree NOT to allow this animal to be used for medical or other experimental purposes. No unnecessary or inhumane surgery will be performed on the animal. _____ (Initial)
- ⑩ I agree to notify the Copper Country Humane Society if I decide at any time that I can no longer care or keep this animal. I agree to **NOT** relinquish this animal to anyone else until CCHS is notified and is in agreement with the placement, proper paperwork is filled out and a safe environment is prepared for the animal. _____ (Initial)
- ⑩ I agree to allow an agent of the Copper Country Humane Society to visit my home and evaluate the care and condition of the animal being adopted for any reason the CCHS feels a home visit is necessary. This is used for reported cases of neglect and/or abuse and is NOT random. _____ (Initial)
- ⑩ I understand that a representative from the CCHS will contact me via phone/mail/email about a month after the adoption to see how things are going. _____ (Initial)
- ⑩ Can the update you give us be used in our newsletter and website? **YES NO (please circle one)**
- ⑩ I understand that the Copper Country Humane Society CANNOT GUARANTEE the health, temperament or training of any dog or cat being adopted and hereby release the CCHS from ALL liability once the animal is in my possession. _____ (Initial)
- ⑩ I agree to have this dog wear an approved collar and leash. _____ (Initial)
- ⑩ I agree not to transport this dog in the back of an open bed truck at any time. _____ (Initial)
- ⑩ I agree to license this dog in compliance with the laws and ordinances for the municipality in which I reside. Dogs MUST be on a leash or confined when outside (leash law). _____ (Initial)

There is a three week trial period following the adoption of the animal. All animals take a certain amount of time to adjust (usually 1-3 weeks) to a new home situation. Adoption fees are transferable or refundable within three weeks if the animal is returned or exchanged. Adoption fees are NOT refundable after three weeks. Adoption fees are NOT refundable if a health record and receipt of payment are not returned with the animal. Three days notice is required to return the animal so space can be made available.

REMEDY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE: It is agreed that the Copper Country Humane Society retains superior title in said animal, limited to and for the express purpose of assuring the animal's well-being. CCHS will only exercise its superior claim in the event that it appears to the CCHS or Animal Control that the proper and humane care as specified in the adoption agreement is not being afforded the said animal OR in the event that any information in the adoption application has been falsified, in which case the animal CAN be taken back by CCHS.

I have read the above agreement and completely understand and accept the rights and responsibilities and obligations involved. I also agree to abide by the answers given in the adoption application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Adoption Approved ____ Denied ____ Reason for Denial _____

CCHS Representative _____ Date _____

Payment made: Cash Check Receipt number _____ Health record issued _____