APPLICATION FOR CANINE GUARDIANSHIP

Please read and follow the red instructions on the following page or your application will not be accepted.

Thank you for wanting to adopt a rescued dog! There are so many wonderful dogs in need of loving, committed homes and you are literally saving a life when you adopt! Sunshine Canyon Dog Rescue works very hard to make perfect matches between families and rescue dogs. This application is the first step in that process. We do not adopt our dogs on a first come, first served basis. Each application is carefully considered to create a match which best suits the dog's physical and emotional needs with the applicant's home. The more thorough you are with your answers, the more likely we are to consider you as a potential home.

Sunshine Canyon Dog Rescue's mission is to save dogs in need and find them exceptional forever homes. We expend whatever funds necessary to provide veterinary care to bring the dogs back to healthy and happy, and our $450-$550 adoption fee covers only a portion of the costs in that journey from shelter dog to Sunshine Canyon. Our dogs are evaluated to the best abilities of our vets and volunteers, *but please be aware that you are bringing in a rescued dog and that there is an adjustment period of up to six months for a dog to feel stable in his/her new home.*

Please be fully committed to the training, energy, and love that it will take for your dog to settle in to your home. We will work very hard with you to make the best match and to create a successful bond from the start.

Be patient with us. We work every day of the week and are always doing everything we can to get Sunshine dogs in to forever homes as soon as possible. Thank you for understanding!

We look forward to working with you!

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Click in the grey field and type your answer.
  --Fields will expand as you type.
- Save the file as a .pdf or .doc ONLY (other formats will not be accepted).
  --You must also ADD YOUR NAME to the file name.
- Either email the file back to us as an attachment, or print and scan it.
- If you have extenuating circumstances please contact us with questions and we can help you.

THANK YOU!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name (Guardian Applicant):	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Personal Email:	
Occupation/ Employer:	
Co-Applicant (Spouse, significant other, roommate):	
Cell phone:	
Personal Email:	
Occupation/Employer :	

Did any of our available dogs catch your attention? If so, please tell us who:

Please note that while we try to honor your interest in a particular available dog, there might be other applications for him being processed or he might not be the ideal match for your home. Also, SCDR is most concerned with making correct fits between dogs and adopters, so if your application is approved we may suggest a different dog for you than the one you list.

Please list all pets in your household. Include both current AND past pets.

Species & Breed	Age	Gender	Spay/Neuter?	Temperament	Residing with you?

For any pet no longer residing with you, please discuss why the pet is no longer in your home:

Do you have other pets at this time?

If yes, please list those pets:

Species & Breed	Age	Gender	Spay/Neuter?	Temperament

Please list all people in your household:

Person	Age
Self	

NOTE: SCDR is very cautious placing dogs in homes with children age 7 and under. So if you decide to submit this application and have young children in your home, please understand it may increase the processing time of your application, AND once approved, we only place dogs who have a successful history living with children. As a result of our careful process, your wait may be several months before we find a suitable dog to be placed in your home.

In addition, SCDR does not typically adopt to applicants under the age of 22. If you feel you can offer the type of exceptionally stable and responsible home that we look for and are under the age of 22, you may email the board for an exception at sunshinecanyondr@gmail.com.

Is everyone in the household on board with adopting a new dog? Please note each person's level of commitment to the new dog using the following scale: 0 indicates "don't want a new dog in the house," 1 indicates "I will be ok with having a new dog in the house but do not intend to be responsible for his care"; 5 indicates "I am excited about adding a new dog to the home and look forward to being responsible for his happiness, training, and wellbeing."

Person	Commitment rating
Self	

If you have a roommate, how do you plan for them to be involved with your new dog?

Why do you wish to adopt a dog? (e.g., companionship, to keep another pet company, personal protection, etc.)

LIFESTYLE & ENVIRONMENT

Please describe your residence & environment:

Urban, suburban, or rural?	
Do you own or rent?	
If rent, include property owner's name, address, phone number, and email	
How long have you resided at this location?	
Do you have a fenced yard? ☐yes ☐no	
If you do have a fence, please describe: Height: Material: Approximate size of enclosure:	
Does anyone on the home smoke? ☐yes ☐no	
If so, what (e.g., tobacco, marijuana) and where (e.g., inside house, outside)?	
Do you have any health concern or condition that currently affects your ability to care for the dog, or may do so in the future? If yes, please describe.	

The following questions are to help us get an idea of what dog would be a great fit for you. There are no right or wrong answers, so please be as honest and accurate as possible.

Is there a type of dog you are interested in adopting? Please discuss in terms of physical and behavioral characteristics. (Please note that though we try our best to identify the breeds of the dogs we adopt out, we cannot guarantee their total accuracy.)

Sunshine Canyon Dog Rescue rescues dogs of indeterminate origin from shelters, individuals, and organizations throughout the United States. While many of our dogs look like purebred or nearly purebred, and we guess as to what breeds they may be, we do not make any guarantees as to their breeding or that their temperament will resemble that of the breed they look most like.
We recommend that our adopters get clear on the characteristics that are important in a dog and allow us to participate in matching a dog with those characteristics to your family, rather than having an adopter fall in love with a dog based upon the breed that it might *be.*

Approximately how many hours per day would your dog be alone? How often?

Please describe your typical weekly schedule:

Where will your dog be when alone?

Where will your dog be at night?

Will your dog be allowed on the couch or bed?

Where will your dog be when you travel or are absent from home for an extended period of time?

-veterinary boarding -in-home pet sitter -boarding kennel -other (please speficy)	

Please provide the name, address, phone, and email for the place(s) or person(s) who will watch your dog:

What kind of vehicle(s) will your dog be transported in?

How will your dog be exercised?

How will your dog be mentally stimulated?

How will your dog be socialized?

What activities will you do that your dog will participate in?

-hiking -agility -therapy work -walking -camping -swimming -running -other (please specify)	

Please describe your current lifestyle and the lifestyle you envision with your adopted dog.

If you need to relocate, how will your dog fit into that plan?

Do you regularly have children or other guests visit your home? If yes, please explain.

If you are in a relationship and you and your significant separate, what would happen to your pets?

Do you foresee any major life changes over the next two years? (e.g., promotion/transfer at work, relationship change such as marriage, having children)

HEALTH

What kind of medical care would you consider reasonable for your adopted dog?

Routine care (please provide the dollar amount you think is reasonable for annual non-emergency care)	$
Emergency medical	☐up to $1,000 ☐ up to $5,000
Other/additional comments about medical care	

What do you consider to be part of those expenses?

Have you ever had a dog with a medical emergency (i.e., torn ACL or bloat) or a long term illness (i.e. cancer)? Please explain: how did you treat the condition; what was the cost; what was the outcome?

In the case of a treatable medical issue, what do you consider reasonable and manageable in terms of medical treatment, cost, quality of life, etc?

With the skyrocketing costs of veterinary care, have you or would you consider pet insurance?

Please answer yes or no.	☐yes ☐no
Additional comments or questions about pet insurance:	

What type of dog food will you feed your dog?

Why this particular brand?

We highly recommend researching dog foods and their ingredients at www.dogfoodanalysis.com and www.dogfoodadvisor.com.

TRAINING & BEHAVIOR

Have you ever had a dog with behavior problems? If so what behavior(s) and how did you work with your dog on this issue?

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Do you understand there is an ADJUSTMENT PERIOD of several weeks to several months for your adopted dog to settle in and feel grounded in their new home?

Please answer yes or no.	

Do you agree to work with your newly adopted dog through this adjustment period?

Please answer yes or no.	

Discuss how you expect your current pet(s) and your new dog to interact. PLEASE take an extra moment to think about and discuss in detail.

Please identify behaviors you would NOT be willing to work with:

-separation anxiety -socialization issues -aggression -leash pulling -shyness -housetraining accidents -counter surfing -other (please specify)	
Additional comments or questions about behavior:	

The first few months upon adopting tend to be the most difficult. Your new dog has been through many transitions, and your home is just one more transition in his mind. Behaviors we hadn't seen can crop up, or behaviors we saw can be amplified during the transition period. Working through these issues can be challenging and time consuming, and so please be as clear and honest as possible so we can help you get as close to the right fit as possible. Please note that dogs have the emotional capacity of a 3-4 year old child.

How important is it to you to modify any behavioral challenges the dog may have? Please give a number between 1 and 10 based on the following criteria: 1 is "I will find time to work with my dog twice a week for 5 to 10 minutes"; 10 is "I will make significant changes in my own behavior in order to change my dog's(s) behavior." Each adult who is involved with the dog(s) should answer this question.

Person	Training Commitment Rating
Self	

Please consider the following scenarios.

What would your reaction be if a week after adopting your new, mild-mannered dog, he began barking wildly and attempting to nip at any unfamiliar person who entered your home?

If you have a cat(s), how would you react if during the first few days that your new dog was home, he became quite interested in chasing your cat(s)?

What steps would you take if upon adopting a dog that was represented as housebroken, your new dog began marking your furniture?

How would you deal with your new dog showing signs of separation anxiety? Such signs can include destructiveness, barking, whining, chewing, and scratching at doors.

If this dog will be an addition to an existing dog(s), how would you manage the introduction and what steps would you take if the two (or more) dogs did not get along perfectly from the outset, even though they did at the meet and greet?

What would be your reaction if after several weeks at home with you, your newly adopted dog started barking at strangers whenever you took him for walks?

BACKGROUND & PROCESS

Have you ever lived with a dog from a rescue organization or shelter?

Have you ever purchased a dog from a breeder? If so, why are you interested in rescuing a dog?

Do you understand how dog rescue works? Please explain.

Are you pre-approved or currently applying with other rescues? (This does not hinder your approval with SCDR, but could help us process your application more efficiently, as many rescues work in collaboration with each other.)

OTHER

Do you agree to contact Sunshine Canyon Dog Rescue if you are unable to continue to be a guardian for your adopted dog, and either return your dog to us or work with us to find another suitable home for your dog?

Please answer yes or no	

Do you agree to pay the $450-550 adoption donation?

Please answer yes or no.	

Please give any additional information you think would be helpful in making the best match for you and a Sunshine Canyon Dog.

Please provide a veterinary reference. If this is a reference from a past pet, that's fine.

Clinic:
Veterinarian's name:
Address:

Phone:	Email:

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Reference 1:	
Name and relationship:	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:
Reference 2:	
Name and relationship:	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:
Reference 3:	
Name and relationship:	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

Are you interested in helping SCDR? We are always looking for fosters, home visit volunteers, reference checkers, etc. If so, please list what areas you are interested in below.

Did you rename your file? See instructions.

For your own privacy and to ensure your application is correctly processed, it is important that your name be included in the file name.

The full Sunshine Canyon Dog adoption screening process includes a phone interview, a and a home check, before placing a dog in your home.

Signature:	Date:

For electronically-submitted applications, please type your signature.

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The terms "guardian" and "owner" shall be considered interchangeable. Please initial here _____ that all your responses are truthful and complete.