



## Dog Adoption Application

Thank you for considering the adoption of a pet from the Danbury Animal Welfare Society! Your complete and accurate answers to the following questions will help us to find a pet that best matches your requirements and your lifestyle.

Our dog adoption fees are \$200 for dogs, SATOS and puppies. This includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate routine vaccinations, de-worming medication, heartworm testing and preventative treatment, and flea/tick preventative treatment.

**PLEASE NOTE:** DAWS reserves the right to approve or deny any application according to our adoption policies, and we pledge our best efforts to find good homes for the long-term and well being of our dogs.

**You must be 21 years of age or older in order to be considered as an adopter.**

**In order to accept your application, we require a photocopy of your drivers license or other suitable identification showing your present address.**

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Your full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Which dog, or what type of dog, would you like to adopt? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's or Partner's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

How long do you plan on staying at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your residence a:  HOUSE  APARTMENT  CONDO  MOBILE HOME  OTHER:

Do you:  own or  rent If renting, does your lease allow pets?  YES  NO  NOT SURE

Landlord's Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*(We also require a copy of your lease).*

Do you currently have any other pets or are there any other pets in the home? If so, please list them here:

Pet's Name	Dog/cat	Breed	Age	Altered?	Indoor?	Vet Name and Phone #

Whose name is listed on the veterinary records? \_\_\_\_\_

Other than your current pets, have you owned any other dogs within the last 10 years? If so please describe the type of dog, when you owned it, when and why you stopped owning it, and what veterinarian you used.

**Mailing Address: 147 Grassy Plain St., Bethel, CT 06801**  
 Phone: (203) 744-3297 Fax: (203) 748-6791  
 Email: dogs@daws.org Website: [www.daws.org](http://www.daws.org)

Why do you want a dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why do you think this dog is a good match for you? \_\_\_\_\_

I have a:  FENCED YARD  DOG RUN  STATIONARY TIE OUT  
 INVISIBLE/UNDERGROUND FENCE  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a fence, please indicate type and height? Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_  
If you do not have a fence, how will you handle exercising and toilet duties? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours each day will the dog be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog spend the day when alone?  LOOSE INDOORS  CONFINED TO ROOM INDOORS  CRATE INDOORS  
 GARAGE  BASEMENT  FENCED YARD  OUTSIDE RUN  LOOSE OUTDOORS  OTHER:  
Where will the dog spend the time when you're home?  LOOSE INDOORS  CONFINED TO ROOM INDOORS  CRATE INDOORS  
 GARAGE  BASEMENT  FENCED YARD  OUTSIDE RUN  LOOSE OUTDOORS  OTHER:  
Where will the dog sleep at night?  LOOSE INDOORS  CONFINED TO ROOM INDOORS  CRATE INDOORS  
 GARAGE  BASEMENT  FENCED YARD  OUTSIDE RUN  LOOSE OUTDOORS  OTHER:

From which rooms and areas of the house will the dog will be restricted? Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

How many adults are in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
How many children? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household have any allergies to animals?  Yes  No

What activity level do you want in a dog? Why?  
 QUIET  MODERATE  ACTIVE  VERY ACTIVE

Who will be responsible for the care and training of your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your experience with dogs?  
 FIRST TIME DOG OWNER  HAD DOG(S) GROWING UP  
 HAVE OWNED ONE OR TWO DOGS  EXPERIENCED DOG OWNER

If you have children, please describe their experience with dogs: \_\_\_\_\_

Do children visit your home often?  Yes  No

If yes, what are the ages of the visiting children? \_\_\_\_\_

How long are you willing to give your dog to adjust to you, your family and its new environment? \_\_\_\_\_

What would be a reason for you to give up or "get rid of" a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If for any reason you cannot keep a DAWS adopted dog, do you agree to contact DAWS?  Yes  No

Have you ever experienced behavior or training problems with your current or previous dogs?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain the issues and how they were resolved: \_\_\_\_\_

Here at DAWS, we believe that a well-behaved dog is a happy dog and has a happy family. We strongly recommend obedience training for all dogs that you bring into your home.

Would you agree to consult a trainer if necessary to correct inappropriate behavior? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you take your new family member for training? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your contingency plan for your pet should something happen to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a rescue group, pound or animal shelter? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please explain the circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do with the dog if you move? \_\_\_\_\_

Here at DAWS, we believe that all dogs should be crate trained to aide in the housebreaking process.

Are you familiar with crate training, used for housebreaking and training?  YES  NO

Do you intend to use this method?  YES  NO

What veterinarian will you use for this pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to have an in-home visit by a DAWS representative if DAWS deems it necessary?

YES  NO

How long have you been looking for a new pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Where else did you look? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing and able to accept full and immediate responsibility for the ownership of a dog, including all health care costs and necessary burdens and responsibilities of owning a dog?  YES  NO

Please provide below the names and phone numbers of two personal references that you have known for more than three years. Only one of the two references may be a relative.

<u>Reference Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u> (Including Area Code)	<u>Relationship to you</u>	<u>Best time to call</u>
1.			
2.			

Would you like to receive "DAWS E-Tails", a free monthly email highlighting upcoming events at DAWS and new animals for adoption?  Yes  No (If "yes", please make sure you provide your email address on page 1)

Would you be interesting in volunteering at DAWS?  Yes  No

#### How did you hear about us?

Petfinder.com \_\_\_\_\_ www.daws.org \_\_\_\_\_

Internet search \_\_\_\_\_ which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Radio \_\_\_\_\_

From a friend. Who? \_\_\_\_\_

Other. Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Have you adopted from DAWS previously? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_

***Dogs require a lot of your time, love and attention. The costs of owning a dog include food, vaccinations, heartworm preventative and testing, licensing, boarding, training and veterinary care during emergencies. It may also require the expense of a trainer. Please consider these requirements when adopting a dog and be sure you are willing to commit to a new family member who will be with you for the next 10-20 years. Thank you for your time!***

I hereby affirm that I have answered the above questions completely and truthfully. I give my permission for DAWS to contact the landlord, veterinary and personal references I have provided, and I give my permission for these references to release any information they deem relevant to the adoption of an animal from DAWS.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## DOG APPLICATION ADDENDUM WITH INFORMATION ABOUT SHELTER ANIMALS

The dog you are applying for is a “Shelter Animal”. He/she is to be considered a *flight risk* for most or all of its life. You need to have a securely fenced-in yard or understand the dog should be on a leash at all times when not in a confined area....until you have taken steps to thoroughly train the dog to come when called.

By initialing, you say you understand this \_\_\_\_\_

As the dog you are applying for is a “Shelter Animal”, we consider, in most cases, he/she is not housebroken and has not had obedience training. It may take some time to house break the dog. If the dog exhibits inappropriate behavior, you may need to consult and/or hire a trainer at your expense. We recommend contacting a trainer **immediately** when the dog does show poor behavior so that it can be modified before it gets out of hand. The housebreaking and obedience training may take time and effort on your part.

By initialing, you say you understand this \_\_\_\_\_

If your application is approved and you confirm your interest in adopting the dog, when you sign the agreement at the time of pick-up, you are accepting **complete responsibility** of the dog.....for possibly the next 10 - 20 years. This includes veterinary care, proper diet, proper exercise, heart worm preventative and testing, flea & tick preventative, licensing, boarding (if needed), as well as house-breaking and behavior training. (Volunteers and our trainer are available to discuss your concerns during the transition into your home).

By initialing, you say you understand this \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR DAWS USE ONLY**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's license or ID type and #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Screening (Please attached a photocopy of applicant's identification.)**

Volunteer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer's Comments:

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Cat test needed?  YES  NO  
Dog intro needed?  YES  NO WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional people need to meet dog?  YES  NO WHO? \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Processing**

Volunteer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Check/other \_\_\_\_\_

Vet Check Results:

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Landlord Check Results:

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1<sup>st</sup> Personal Reference Check Results:

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2<sup>nd</sup> Personal Reference Check Results:

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Additional Volunteer Comments (including reason for denial if denied):

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_ Waiting for certain dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_