



**Applicant Information**

First and Last Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Do you own or rent?

If you rent, are there any dog breeds that you are prohibited from having?

How long have you lived at this address?

Any plans to move in the near future?

Landlord's Name:

Landlord's Phone Number:

**Family/Household Information:**

Number of adults in the household:

Relationships:

Have all the adults in the household agreed to this adoption?

Number of children in the household:

Ages of children:

Have the children had pets before?

Do you expect your current family situation to change?

Is anyone in the household allergic to pets?

If yes, who?

**Employment Information:**

Employer:

Position held:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

How long have you been with this employer?

Work Phone:

**Pet Information:**

How many pets do you currently have?

Please list their species, age, sex, and breed (for dogs):

Have you had pets in the past?

If yes, please list their species and why they are no longer with you:

Have you ever given an animal away or relinquished an animal to a shelter?

If yes, what were the circumstances?

Have you ever bred or considered breeding a dog for business or as a recreational pursuit?

If yes, what were the circumstances?

**Veterinarian Information (if applicable):**

Veterinarian's Name:

Veterinarian's Phone:

When was your current pet's last visit to a veterinarian and why?

**New Pet Information:**

Which Copper's Dream Rescue dog(s) are you interested in (visit [www.coppersdream.org](http://www.coppersdream.org) for most current listings)? *List in order you would like to meet them (dogs can only be met one at a time unless you attend an adoption fair):*

How did you hear about our rescue? (e.g. Craigslist, Petfinder, Referral)?

How long have you been looking for a pet?

How much time are you prepared to allow for your new pet to adjust to your home?

Are you able to afford a bill of up to \$5,000 for emergency veterinary care (please note that *any* hospitalization typically generates a bill over \$1,000)?

Are you committed to providing a responsible home for your pet's entire life (15+ years)?

If you have to move, what do you plan to do with your pet(s)?

Who in the household will be the dog's primary care giver?

When you are out of town or during an emergency who will be the dog's primary care giver?

Where will the dog be kept during the day?

Where will the dog be kept during the night?

How many times per day do you plan to take your dog outside?

Do you have a fenced yard?

If yes, what size and what type?

How many hours per day will your dog be left alone?

What would you do if your dog develops a problem with the following?

- a) Barking:
- b) Separation Anxiety:

c) Aggression:

Why do you want to adopt a dog?

Can you describe the average day for a dog in your household?

If looking to adopt a puppy, why a puppy? Are you familiar with the care and training required for a puppy, and what steps will you take to prepare for that responsibility?

### **References:**

Please list 2 personal references below (name, relationship and phone number).

1.

2.

### **Please take a moment to review the policies of Copper's Dream Rescue:**

#### ***Spay/Neuter Policy:***

Copper's Dream makes every effort to spay and neuter our rescue animals before they are adopted out. However, if an unusual circumstance arises where we are unable to do so, we require the adopting family to spay or neuter their new pet within two weeks and to provide proof of the operation by sending Copper's Dream a spay-neuter certificate. Copper's Dream rescue will still arrange for and pay for the spay-neuter, **but please note that ownership of the animal will not transfer to you until the operation is completed and the certificate of proof is received. Copper's Dream reserves the right to reclaim any animal that is not spayed or neutered within two weeks of release to its new home.**

#### ***Training:***

Copper's Dream requires all new adopters to attend training classes with the dog they are adopting. Dogs that are untrained have the potential to be destructive and develop behavior problems that will make a lifelong commitment very challenging. Also, dogs that do not return to you consistently when called have a much greater risk of getting run over by cars. For very experienced dog owners, we may make an exception if they are committed to in-home training that they do themselves. However, for puppies, the socialization experience that only comes from group training classes is very valuable and is hard to replicate with in-home training.

#### ***Animal Return Policy:***

If you feel the need to return your animal, we will take it back at no extra charge if it is within one week of the adoption. **Your adoption fee will not be refunded.** If it is past one week of the adoption, Copper's Dream may or may not take the dog back, depending on available space, and will charge an intake fee.

### ***Liability:***

Copper's Dream makes every effort to communicate breed, age, health and behavior information about each rescue animal accurately. However, our staff and volunteers are *not* animal experts, and we do not conduct our own health and behavior evaluations upon receiving an animal from the shelter. We rely almost entirely on the evaluations conducted at shelters, which may or may not be done by professionals. Moreover, Copper's Dream directors often do not even see the animals that we put up for adoption, because they are transported directly from shelters to foster families. As a result, we require adopting families to release us of all liability resulting from any wrong or incomplete information, including but not limited to breed, age, health, and potential behavior problems. Adopting families must also assume all risks associated with introducing their rescue animals to third parties. Copper's Dream recommends that new families wait until they have become very familiar with their new pet and its temperament before attempting any introductions to people or animals outside of their immediate family.

### ***Off Leash Policy:***

In the first six weeks of having adopted a rescue animal, Copper's Dream Rescue requires that adopting families do not let their new dog off-leash in an unfenced area. Research has shown that it takes at least six weeks for an animal to form a new association to a human as its "pack leader." Even after this six-week period, new dog owners should be extremely cautious in letting their animals off leash in unfenced areas. Remember, even for the most well-trained dogs, there is always a risk that an unpredictable event will lead them to run away. Also, some dogs simply do not have the temperament to be off leash in unsecured areas regardless of the amount of training you have done. Please refer to your New Adoption Reference Sheet for more detail.

### ***Financial Responsibility:***

Copper's Dream requires that new adopters who would be unable to afford emergency medical care bills up to \$5,000 purchase pet insurance at the time of adoption. Copper's Dream considers the euthanasia of animals who are not elderly and have treatable conditions *unethical*, because an owner has trouble paying for the vet bills.

### ***Commitment To Keep Any Copper's Dream Adopted Animals In My Possession:***

When Copper's Dream adopts out any rescue animal, it expects adopters to own and care for these animals for life. However, if due to any unforeseen circumstances, adopters can no longer keep their pet, Copper's Dream forbids the relinquishment of its rescue animals to any private or public shelter. Instead, adopters must (1) communicate with Copper's Dream to explore the possibility of having Copper's Dream assist with rehoming the pet, and/or (2) find a new suitable home for their pet on their own. **Adopters accept responsibility for all costs that Copper's Dream may incur to reclaim pets left at shelters in violation of the above commitment.**

By signing below, I certify that the information I have given is true. I authorize the investigation of all statements in this application. I understand that Copper's Dream Rescue reserves the right to deny my application for any reason. I also agree to abide by all of the policies of Copper's Dream Rescue, specified above. I understand that while Copper's Dream makes every effort to communicate to new families the breed and age of their dog as well as any behavior or medical problems that they are aware of, they do not make any representation or guarantee about the behavior, health, breed or age of any rescue dog. Adopters accept all liability for their new pets.

**Please Type Name Below to Indicate Agreement with All Copper's Dream Policies:**

Name:

Date: