

DOBERMAN RESCUE FOUNDATION CANADA

Adoption Application

The information you provide will enable us to better determine exactly what you are looking for in a Doberman Pinscher, which dog will fit best into your lifestyle, and how such dog would fit into your home. Please be as detailed in your answers as possible to help ensure the best fit between you and your prospective dog.

If we do not feel you can provide a proper home for a dog you are interested in at this time, we will tell you why we feel that way. Not all dogs are well suited for everyone. **Remember, that this is a lifetime commitment. If you doubt that you can make such a commitment, please stop here.** Do not put one of our dogs through the trauma of being rejected from yet another home.

We do not sell the dogs available for adoption. The minimum donation to adopt one of our dogs is \$300.00. This helps cover the cost of the initial rescue, and other expenses incurred in caring for the dogs. Please email completed application to : DonateDRFC@shaw.ca

ADOPTIVE PARENT(S) CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s) _____

Phone numbers (home/cell/work) _____ (home/cell/work) _____

Physical Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Email Address(es) _____

GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

What is your occupation? _____

How long at your present job? _____

Name and location of employer? _____

Has any family member ever been charged with animal abuse/cruelty, child abuse and/or domestic violence of any type? _____

LIVING SITUATION

Rent _____ Own _____

House _____ Condo _____ Townhome _____ Apartment _____ Mobile home _____ Other _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____ Are you planning to move in the near future? _____

If you rent, name and phone number of landlord _____

(By submitting this application, you agree to permit *Doberman Rescue Foundation Canada* to contact your landlord to verify your information.)

FENCE INFORMATION

Do you have a fenced yard? _____ Is fence attached to house? _____

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Type & height of fence _____

Do you have an outdoor kennel? _____ Size _____ Are your gates padlocked? _____

How will the dog be exercised? _____

Are you willing to allow a volunteer to visit your home? _____

What would you do if you had to move somewhere that would not allow pets? _____

ENVIRONMENT

How many adults in household? _____ Age(s) _____

How many children under 21 years of age? _____ Age(s) _____

Does anyone in your household have any serious health problems? _____ If yes, please explain: _____

Is anyone in your home allergic to dogs? _____

Does anyone in your household smoke? _____

Are there regular visitors to your home, human or animal, with which your new dog must get along? _____

If yes, please describe: _____

Will dog be exposed to children on a regular basis? _____ If so, how old are the children? _____

How regularly do they visit? _____

List any concerns you have about a Doberman and any visitors to your home environment: _____

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PET CARE HISTORY

Other current pets: (names, types, breeds, sexes and ages) _____

Are current pets current on vaccinations and regular veterinary care? _____

What other dogs have you owned in the past? Please give dog's name and breed, the length of time you had the dog, and the reason you no longer have the dog. _____

Have you ever had a dog or other pet for a brief period that did not work out? _____

If yes, please explain the circumstances and what happened to it: (what sex, breed, etc.) _____

Have you ever given away any of your pets? _____ Please explain: _____

Under what conditions to you feel it is ok to give up a pet? _____

Has a dog or puppy died on your premises within the last 6 months of distemper, parvo unknown or other causes? _____

If yes, please give details: _____

Were/are your past/current pets spayed or neutered? _____ If no, why not? _____

Is your current dog, or was your past dog kept current on heartworm preventative? _____

If so, which product do you use and how often? _____

What do you use to control fleas and ticks? _____

What immunizations will you provide for your dog? How often – annually, every 3 years, etc.? _____

How often do you take your current pets to the veterinarian, and how often will you take an adopted pet to the veterinarian?

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If your dog develops a serious medical problem what would you do? _____

If your dog became unable to control its urine later in life, what would you do? _____

VETERINARY INFORMATION

Provide the name, clinic name and phone number for your veterinarian: _____

What do you expect to spend on yearly health care? _____

DAILY ROUTINE AND TRAINING

Where will the dog be kept while you are at home? _____

Where will dog be kept when you are not at home (when you are at work for instance)? _____

How many hours a day on average will the dog be alone? _____

Who will care for the dog when you are out of town? _____

Where will the dog sleep? _____

Feelings about crate use, and do you have one? _____

Who will be responsible for the care and training of this dog? _____

Please describe the training you plan to provide: _____

Have you trained a dog in the past? If so, please describe training provided. _____

Check any of the following training methods/aids you have used with your current pets or previous pets:

Clicker training _____ Crate Training _____ Obedience class _____ Private obedience lessons _____ Spanking _____ Remote Collar _____

Sent dog away for training _____ Choke Collar _____ Pinch Collar _____ Shock Collar _____ Martingale collar _____

What brand of food do you plan to feed and how often? _____

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Will your new dog be allowed on the furniture? _____ Have you ever dealt with a major behavior problem? _____

If yes, please describe the problem and how you dealt with it: _____

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

If you were to marry or date someone who did not like your dog, what would you do? _____

Do you foresee any major lifestyle changes in the next 15 years such as moving, marriage, adding children to your family, divorce, going away to college, health problems due to age, etc.? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Can you provide a permanent home for this dog for the next 10 – 15 years? _____

If you are unable to keep this dog for any reason, what do you plan to do with this dog? _____

Do you understand you can return the dog to Doberman Rescue Foundation Canada? _____

Do you agree to contact Doberman Rescue Foundation Canada if for any reason, you can no longer care for or keep the dog? _____

WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE IN A DOBERMAN?

Preferences: **Color:** _____ **Sex** ____ **Age** _____ **Size** _____ **Ears:** () Cropped () Natural **Tail:** () Docked () Natural

Why did you choose this breed? _____

List plans for this dog: () Pet () Guard () Companion () Obedience () Search & Rescue () Therapy () Agility

Other: _____

Are you looking for an indoor or an outdoor dog? _____ What percentage of time will the dog spend outdoors? _____

Although you have marked your preferences, would you be willing to reconsider any of them? If so, which ones? _____

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PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list two (2) personal references (name, address, phone#, how long they have known you, your relationship to them, – do not list any relatives, significant others, or roommates). If you have worked with a trainer before, please list trainer's name and contact information: _____

Anything else you would like us to know about you? _____

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS APPLICATION

By signing below, I certify that all the information I have given above is true and complete. I understand Doberman Rescue Foundation Canada can reject my application if I provide any false or misleading information to obtain a dog.

Doberman Rescue Foundation Canada reserves the right to refuse adoption of any dog for any reason.

I understand any dog adopted from Doberman Rescue Foundation Canada will reside in my home as a pet.

I understand Doberman Rescue Foundation Canada will inspect my home as part of their investigation into the suitability of the dog's living quarters.

I agree to provide my new adopted Doberman with adequate (and in cases recommended for medical reasons) food, supplements, medications, water, shelter, training, affection and medical care, as more fully set out in Doberman Rescue Foundation Canada Adoption contract.

I understand that Doberman Rescue Foundation Canada, and/or its authorized agents, officers, Board of Directors and members are not responsible for the accuracy of information received about the temperament, habits and physical condition of dogs available for adoption.

Doberman Rescue Foundation Canada, its officers, Board of Directors and members, and any person associated with its adoption efforts, are in no way liable or responsible for any damage, accident or injury resulting from the placement of a dog into my household, as more fully set out in the Adoption contract I will be required to sign as a condition of my adoption of any dog from Doberman Rescue Foundation Canada.

I also understand that I will be required to sign an adoption contract to place a dog in my home. I am in full agreement with these terms of adoption. By my initial I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions of this Application, as set forth above.

Applicant's initials _____ Applicant's initials: _____

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

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