

# Adopt-A-Bull Rescue, Inc.



## **ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Thank You for your interest in adopting one of our rescued English Bulldogs! We make every attempt to match prospective adopters with a pet that best fits their home and lifestyle. Filling out the application does not obligate you to adopt, nor does it guarantee your application will be approved. If you do not answer every question, your application may be rejected or delayed. Please fill out the application *thoroughly and legibly*. If you have any questions, please visit: <http://www.adoptabullrescue.com> or email [adoptabullrescue@gmail.com](mailto:adoptabullrescue@gmail.com).

**\*\*\* VERY IMPORTANT: PLEASE COMPLETELY READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO LEARN HOW WE OPERATE & CONDUCT ALL ADOPTIONS!\*\*\***

**THE FIRST STEP IN OUR ADOPTION PROCESS REQUIRES ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO SUBMIT AN ADOPTION APPLICATION.** We may not respond to individual inquiries unless you have an adoption application on file with us. Our website is updated *daily*; please do not ask if information posted is accurate.

We do not operate on a “first-come, first-serve” basis. Our primary goal is to match the needs of each specific dog with the most suitable home. Please be patient! If you want a dog RIGHT NOW, then please take a trip down to your local animal shelter and adopt from them. We are a private, non-profit, all volunteer run, foster home based rescue organization; this allows us to be very selective in the adoption process and match each dog with the best home. While filling out this application, you may state your preferences, but please remember that you are applying to adopt an English Bulldog from us, not a specific dog by name. We will no longer adopt to families that have children under 5 years of age unless they have bulldog experience.

We are foster home based. We **do not** have a commercial establishment/kennel where our rescue dogs are held. Each and every bulldog is cared for in the personal homes of our approved foster parents, or by members of our board of directors where they receive lots of TLC and individualized attention according to their specific needs. Because we are completely foster home based, there is no where you can come see the dogs we have. Visit our website to see all dogs or join our meet-up group to attend our bi-weekly events.

The adoption process is not rushed; it will not be sped up to accommodate your schedule. The adoption process can take anywhere from 2 days, 2 weeks, or up to 2 months. We take our time in making sure our rescue bullies go to the best homes possible and to a family that can confidently care for an English Bulldog. Please be patient, we operate solely on volunteers. In addition to our rescue responsibilities, we also juggle a family, home, and full time jobs. We respond quicker to those that have an application on file with us and to those that **read & follow directions**. Please keep in mind that by the time you submit an application to us, we may already have approved applicants that are already waiting for their perfect match. Even if we do not currently have a bulldog you are interested in, we suggest you submit an application so we have it on file and you will be added to our waiting list.

**We do not ship/fly our dogs!** We have recently changed our rules to allow out of state adoptions in some cases, (determined on a case by case basis, depending on the bulldog) however, you must be willing to travel by automobile to adopt your new family member. Air travel is very dangerous to the English Bulldog breed. Please do your research!

In the event that Adopt-A-Bull Rescue is able to find a suitable bulldog to join your family, there will be an adoption fee for the bulldog. Adoption fees can range from \$250 - \$650 and often times only covers a fraction of what we have spent on the dog. It is very rare that we receive puppies, however in these instances; the adoption fee may be higher. Adoption fees are little to nothing for senior or special needs dogs. If you cannot afford the adoption donation, you probably won't be able to afford the life-long medical care and yearly vet bills for a Bulldog. **DO YOUR RESEARCH** before applying to adopt from us! (Read the next page for more on this.)

All our rescued Bulldogs have been thoroughly examined by a licensed veterinarian, de-wormed, up to date on required vaccinations, screened for parasites, spayed/neutered prior to adoption, temperament tested, and fully evaluated. Any and all **medically required** (non-cosmetic) surgeries will be performed by Adopt-A-Bull Rescue prior to adoption.

This is NOT an online application; you must print it out, complete it, and then send it in with ALL required attachments. Do not try to copy/paste, or submit this application back to us via e-mail. In order for this application to be reviewed by Adopt-A-Bull Rescue, it must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$20 processing fee and mailed to the address below. (Processing fee is waived for Adopt-A-Bull Rescue members) For faster processing you may fax your application and ID to 954-825-0087 and pay via the "PayPal Donate" button on our website. A complete application should include this printed application, processing fee and copy of your driver's license/identification card together in one envelope.

Within 24 hours of receipt of your completed application package, you will be contacted via email. Adopt-A-Bull Rescue, Inc. reserves the right to deny an application for any reason. Failure to have your current pets spayed/neutered, having an unsecure pool or any other hazardous condition on your property may also result in a denial.

Shortly after your application is reviewed by our Board, we will call you for a phone interview. Once pre-approved to adopt, we may then schedule an appointment for a 'meet & greet' to be performed at your residence. If you do not live in Broward, Dade, or Palm Beach County, FL you should be prepared to submit pictures of your entire house & upon request. Thank You in advance, we look forward to reviewing your application!

**Adopt-A-Bull Rescue, Inc. - P.O. Box 8035 - Coral Springs, FL 33075 - 954-213-7648**

# ***ADOPTION FEES & What's Included***

Our goal at Adopt-A-Bull Rescue is to have all of our adopted dogs go to their new homes as healthy as possible. Our vets provide a full array of treatment and preventive care for our rescues when they first arrive and continue caring for them until they are discharged from our program. Sick or injured dogs are treated to the best of our abilities, often using funds provided through donations from the general public. We are always open to and gladly accept donations to help with our rescue work. We are funded and operate solely on the generosity of the public. We do not receive any government funding; yet rely on donations and minimal adoption fees to help cover the costs of all our expenses, the majority being veterinary care for our dogs in foster care. Donations allow us to provide food, monthly flea/tick/heartworm preventative, tests, comprehensive blood work, heartworm treatments, x-rays, surgeries, and much more for those dogs in need-- things we normally could not afford.

It is not unusual for us to spend several hundred dollars (even thousands in some cases) to rehab a bulldog until they reach a point where they are considered "adoptable." If Adopt-A-Bull Rescue passed on 100% of these costs to the adopter, our bulldogs would never get adopted; it would be entirely too cost prohibitive! To be fair to our adopters and to also keep Adopt-A-Bull Rescue operable so we can continue to help dogs in need, our board of directors has set standard adoption fees at \$650; less for older dogs/ones with serious or terminal health issues; and on occasion, more for younger healthy dogs or puppies. Your adoption fee will reimburse our organization for costs spent on the dog you are applying to adopt and/or also provides rescue assistance for the next bulldog that has a need to enter our program.

An article we have found helpful in explaining adoption fees imposed by rescue groups can be found on the internet. Please read more at: <http://www.naiaonline.org/articles/archives/rescue-bargain.htm>

## **The following care has been provided and is included with EVERY adoption:**

- Full exam by a licensed vet
- All dogs spayed or neutered, including puppies
- Rabies vaccine
- (Full vaccines & bordatella in some cases only)
- Dewormed
- Temperament tested
- Crate trained
- Treated for any other identified health issues: skin infections, rashes, parasites, eye/ear infections
- Micro chipped
- Tested for heartworms, treated if positive then placed on MONTHLY preventative.
- All dogs receive monthly preventatives for fleas and ticks as well.
- All of our dogs are fed **CANIDAE** dog food. ANY grain free food is ideal & recommended.

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*(Please retain the first TWO pages for your records)*

**\*\*\*Section A: Contact Information\*\*\***

I have completely read and fully understand Adopt-A-Bull Rescue's adoption process and guidelines as explained on the first two (2) pages of this application. Yes  No

Are you currently a member of Adopt-A-Bull Rescue? Yes  No

(If you would like to receive the benefits of membership, forms can be found on our website.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on moving within the next year? Yes  No  Maybe

**\*\*\*Section B: Your dogs and other animals\*\*\***

Have you ever, or do you currently own an English Bulldog? Yes  No

How many dogs do you currently own? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe each dog by circling the appropriate information, and fill in the blanks provided.

Male-Female-neutered-spayed. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you do not currently own a dog, have you owned one in the past 10 years? Yes  No

If yes, please tell us what happened to your dog: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have any of your pets run away, or become lost/stolen? Yes  No

Have any of your pets past or present ever been hit by an automobile? Yes  No

Have any of your pets been euthanized? Yes  No

Please check all that apply to you:

I have purchased a dog from a pet store in the past  I currently own a dog with physical limitations

I have purchased a dog from a breeder in the past  I currently own a dog with behavioral problems

I have adopted a dog from a shelter in the past  I currently own a dog with aggressive issues

I have found or been given a stray and kept it  I currently own a dog with dominance issues

Does your dog(s) get along well with others? Yes  No  It Depends

Do you have any cats, birds, rodents, reptiles, or any other pets? Yes  No

If yes, please list & describe them: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Section C: Living Arrangements\*\*\***

Please check the type of residence you live in:

Single Family Home  Townhouse  Apartment/Condominium What floor?: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Home  Duplex  Senior Citizen Community

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

Do you rent? Yes  No  Do you own your home? Yes  No

*(If you rent, we require written permission from your landlord indicating that it is okay for you to adopt a dog from us. Please enclose the letter from your landlord upon submission of this application along with a contact phone number for him/her.)*

How many total people (adults & children) reside in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names & ages of humans living in your home and their relationship to you:

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Place of employment & occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Working/Commute  Work from Home  Retired  Homemaker  Student  Other

What time do you leave your home to go to work: \_\_\_\_\_

What time do you return home from work: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner's Place of employment & occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Working/Commute  Work from Home  Retired  Homemaker  Student  Other

What time do they leave & return from work: \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a day will the pet typically be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for the daily care/maintenance of the pet? \_\_\_\_\_

During the time you are away from home what is your plan for caring for your dog?

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Do you have a backyard? Yes  No  If yes, is your yard fenced in? Yes  No

Does your community have any restrictions on the number, size, or type of dog? Yes  No

Do you have a pool or jacuzzi? Yes  No  If yes, is it screened or fenced? Yes  No

In your home, do you have:  mostly carpet  mostly tile  Hardwood

Do you have stairs? Yes  No  If yes, please describe how many and location of stairs:

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Are all members in your household in favor of adopting a bulldog? Yes  No

Is anyone in your household allergic to pets? Yes  No

Does anyone smoke inside your home? Yes  No

How will your new dog spend its days (please check all that apply):

Indoors  Outdoors  Crated  Basement  Baby gated in a room

Dog House  Back patio  Kennel Run  Garage  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How will your new dog spend its nights (please check all that apply):

Indoors  Outdoors  Crated  Basement  Baby gated in a room

Dog House  Back patio  Kennel Run  Garage  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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### \*\*\*Section D: Bulldog Preferences\*\*\*

Please describe the characteristics of a Bulldog you may be interested in adopting:

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female  No Preference  Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Coloring: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

Top 5 Dogs by name you want more info on: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to work with a dog that is not completely housetrained? Yes  No  Maybe

Would you consider a dog that needs daily medications, eye drops? Yes  No  Maybe

Are you willing to adopt a 'bonded' pair, i.e. mother/son? Yes  No  Maybe

Are you opposed to crating your English Bulldog? Yes  No  Maybe

Have you done research on the English Bulldog breed? Yes  No

Are you familiar with common Bulldog health problems? Yes  No

Are you familiar with the whole concept of "animal rescue" and what it means? Yes  No

Do you have experience in rescuing Bulldogs or other dog breeds? Yes  No

Are you familiar with monthly heartworm and flea/tick preventative? Yes  No

Please explain heartworm preventative and the forms you use: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you confident in your ability to care for an English Bulldog for the rest of his life? Yes  No

Do you have experience with training dogs/obedience/behavior modification? Yes  No

Are you or anyone in your immediate family involved in buying dogs for resale? Yes  No

Are you or anyone in your immediate family involved in breeding dogs? Yes  No

Are you or anyone in your immediate family involved in dog fighting? Yes  No

Have you ever been charged with animal cruelty, abandonment, or neglect? Yes  No

Are you willing to take your dog to training sessions/obedience classes? Yes  No

Are you willing to work on problem behaviors? (chewing, barking, pulling on lead) Yes  No

Are you willing to work on other issues such as toy/food possession, separation anxiety? Yes  No

If you are not able to groom your pet, will you pay for professional grooming every 4-6 weeks? Yes  No

Are you willing to hire a personal trainer to work with you and your dog if any 'issues' arise? Yes  No

Have you applied/inquired with any other shelter, or rescue group within the past 6 months? Yes  No

If yes, with what organization and when: \_\_\_\_\_

What types of problems would you NOT feel comfortable trying to correct? Please explain:

***On a separate sheet of paper please answer the following 3 questions:***

1. Why do you want to rescue a bulldog?
2. What methods will you use for correction and discipline?
3. What do you anticipate your daily routine to be with your new bulldog?

**\*\*\*Section E: Veterinary Information\*\*\***

What would you expect to spend on standard vet bills (non-emergency) in a period of one year? \$\_\_\_\_\_

If your pet falls ill, what is the most you would spend to make him healthy again? \$\_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared financially for a veterinary/surgical emergency? Yes  No  Maybe

Do you currently have a veterinarian? Yes  No

If you currently have a veterinarian, please provide their name & and phone number. If you do not, please list the information for your previous animal owned:

Please give us the name and phone number of a personal reference that is not related to you:

***I hereby declare that all the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. (By signing your name below you consent to reference and veterinary checks as part of the procedure to process your application.)***

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: (spouse/roommate/partner): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you remember to attach:

- a copy of your ID
- processing fee
- landlord letter\* \* if required (Revised 9-15-11)